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Ada, Oklahoma

Focus on preventive health, nutrition services

Ada Family Life Center up and running



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby along with tribal officials and guests cut the ribbon on the 30,000-plus square foot Family Life Center Monday, June 21.

ADA, Okla. - Officials of the Chickasaw Nation and guests celebrated the grand opening of the Family Life Center Monday, June 21.

The 30,000-plus square foot center is located at 280 West Seabrook Road in Ada. The facility features a gymnasium, swimming pool, walking track, weight room, training kitchen, as well as aerobic and martial arts exercise areas.

"Wellness education is so important and that's one reason we're excited and thrilled to have the opportunity to open this Family Life Center," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"The Family Life Center facility and the services it presents to Native Americans

are extraordinary," said Gov. Anoatubby. "The Family Life Center will offer a safe place for children and parents, friends and neighbors to have fun and improve their health."

The Family Life Center is the new home of the Ada Wellness Center. The center offers Cybex strength equipment, free weight equipment, treadmills, Arc trainers, ellipticals and stair climbers. The Wellness Center will host aerobic and aquatic classes at the new facility.

The Wellness Center is free to Chickasaw citizens, tribal employees and their immediate families. The Wellness Center is open to the general public for a fee.

Hours of operation for the Wellness Center are Monday through Thursday from 6:30

a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The Wellness Center is closed on Sunday.

The nutrition services de-

partment is also located in the new facility. The department offers food demonstrations and hands-on cooking classes. A registered dietitian is available for individual counseling and informational presentations.

A large training kitchen, located inside the new facility, is equipped with state-of-the-art appliances. Inside the training kitchen are eight individual cooking islands so students can follow along and learn about food preparation. Each cooking station includes a sink, dishwasher, gas cook top and oven.

The focus of nutrition services is to equip families with knowledge and skills to make healthy nutrition choices to prevent chronic diseases, like obesity and diabetes.

Also housed in the new facility are departments within the youth and family services division. The martial arts depart-

ment and the camps and recreations department are located in the west end of the facility. In July, youth and family services will hold the annual Boys and Girls Youth Basketball Camp at the new site.

The new center also features out-patient physical therapy, which has nearly doubled in size from its previous location. Physical therapy is located on the east side of the building and has treatment rooms, cardio equipment, whirlpools and many other amenities.

The Family Life Center was modeled after the world-renowned Lifestyle Centers of America in Sulphur.

The architect for the project was EWC-1 and the contractor was Mac Hill Construction.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

2004 Chickasaw Stickball Players



Front row from left, Jason Burwell, Matt Morgan, Darrell Gipson, Chiefy Greenwood, Eric Wood, T.R. Kanuch, Ronnie Hicks and Wayne Walker. Back row from left, Kevin Postoak, Joshua Hinson, Lanny North, Casey Tsosie, Paul Pegion, Chupco Harjo, Marcus Tartsah, Randy Shackelford, Jack LaFountain, Haskell Alexander and Tim Harjo. The Chickasaw Stickball team defeated the Choctaw Stickball team 5 - 1 at the 7th Annual Chi Ka Sha Reunion, June 26, 2004.

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March 2004 Resolution results

General Resolution Number 21-047

Approval of Development Budget

Explanation: This resolution approves the Development Budget with four capital improvement projects. Those projects are: The Ardmore Nutrition Center; the Pharmacy Refill Center; The Newcastle Travel Plaza; and the Wilson Travel Plaza. The total cost for all four projects is just over \$8.6 million. Exhibit A provides all development projects, with documentation to be provided to the Legislature during committee meetings.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 21-060

Business Lease No. G09-1536 in Atoka County

Explanation: This resolution approves Business Lease No. G09-1536 in favor of CenterPoint Energy Field Services, Inc., P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71151, on lands jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations described as: 160' by 355.8' Lot of the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 1.31 acres, more or less. This lease will cover a term of twenty (20) years, beginning on December 12, 2003, and ending on December 11, 2023, with a per annum payment of \$3,000.00 for the first five (5) years, and subject to a rental adjustment provision thereafter at not less than five (5) year intervals and thereafter 1/4 interest of the rental adjustments.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,

Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-061

Mining (Sand & Gravel) Lease No. G03-2620

Love County, Tract No. 773

Explanation: This resolution approves Mining (Sand & Gravel) Lease No. G03-2620, in favor of the Chickasaw Nation, 520 E. Arlington, Ada, Oklahoma, 74820, for a sand & gravel operation on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, described as a tract of land in Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, Love County, Oklahoma containing 33.26 acres, more or less.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-062

Agricultural Lease No. G09-1534 in Coal County

Explanation: This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G09-1543 for farming and grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation, described as: SW/4 SE/4 of Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 8 East, Coal County, Oklahoma, containing 10 acres, more or less, in favor of Edgar A. Collins, Route 5, Box 875, Coalgate, Oklahoma 74538. The proposed lease will be for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2004, and ending on December 31, 2006, with a per annum payment of \$120.00 plus weed and brush control at an annual value of \$120.00.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hart-

man, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-063

Authorization for Application for the IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program

Project Abstract: The Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) will implement a two-part project that includes a high intensity intervention designed to prevent the onset of diabetes among persons with prediabetes, and a community-oriented approach to increase awareness of diabetes prevention and implement motivational activities.

The high-intensity component of the project will recruit persons with prediabetes (i.e.: impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glucose) to follow a structured prevention program. The structured program will emphasize physical activity and a healthy diet, and will include regular clinical follow-up.

The community component of the CNHS project will target increasing the level of awareness among the service population regarding the power to prevent diabetes. Community interventions will be implemented throughout the Chickasaw Nation related to nutrition, physical activity, and general health. Activities will be designed for both families and individuals to participate at their own pace.

Grant funding will be used primarily for personnel, required travel, material, and supplies. It is estimated that at least four new positions will be funded under this project.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-064

Authorization for Application for the IHS Special Diabetes

Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program

Project Abstract: The Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) will implement a two-part project that includes a high intensity intervention designed to prevent cardiovascular disease (CVD) among persons with diabetes, and a community-oriented approach to increase awareness of CVD prevention and implement motivational activities.

The high-intensity component of the project will recruit persons with diabetes at high-risk for developing CVD to follow a structured prevention program. The structured program will utilize a case management approach to monitoring key clinical indicators to lower the risk of developing CVD. Individuals participating in this component of the project will have their individual clinical outcomes tracked, provided with education and given routing follow-up.

The community component of the CNHS project will target increasing the level of awareness among the service population regarding the prevention

of diabetes in general and CVD specifically. Community interventions will be implemented throughout the Chickasaw Nation related to nutrition, physical activity, and general health. Activities will be designed for both families and individuals to participate at their own pace.

Grant funding will be used primarily for personnel, required travel, material, and supplies. It is estimated that at least four new positions will be funded under this project.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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Chickasaw students soar into the future

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

Many of us recall the excitement we felt in the 1960s as our space program became a huge source of pride as we dueled with the Soviets for space supremacy. Our brave astronauts had "the right stuff" and engaged in many perilous missions before achieving the 1969 moon landing, as promised by President Kennedy in 1961.

Those were incredibly exciting times as our country began its exploration of space and the planets of our solar system.

That type of excitement has returned, and it is right here with the young people of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Each year, the tribe sponsors the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy. This very special camp allows young Chickasaw students the opportunity to learn about aviation, aeronautics, computer science, space travel and much more. Students learn from real astronauts, pilots, engineers and other aviation professionals. They receive real hands-on experience with aircraft, training models and computers. They learn the basics of flight, the history of flight and the possibilities of flight in the future.

For many young Chickasaws, the camp is the fulfillment of long-held desires to discover more about aviation. The camp provides so much education



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

and experience that would otherwise not be available to our students.

As you know, we embarked on a mission many years ago to offer our young Chickasaws quality education opportunities. We now provide an array of programs, from the traditional

classroom setting to specialty opportunities like the Aviation and Space Academy. We believe our most precious resource - our children - should enjoy a rich selection of opportunities in education. As we expose them to more information and career choices, they will be empowered to make wise decisions and become our Chickasaw leaders of the future.

One of our highest priorities is to encourage our students and help them envision themselves in great careers they can love for a lifetime.

For the students who just completed the two-week Aviation and Space Academy, we offer our thanks for the time you invested in learning. We also offer our hope that what

your tribe is providing will assist you in deciding on a course of study and career that will make a real and positive difference for the Chickasaw people, and the community as a whole. We want you to be fulfilled, and to achieve all the goals you set for yourself.

We are proud of our tribal Aviation and Space Academy, as we are of our many other special opportunities, including leadership, sports and career camps for students. We have known for generations that our children shall come forth to lead us. It is in them we invest the very best we have, for the future of all Chickasaws.

Chickasaw Nation summer camp teaches kids about healthy choices

Learning how to survive life at Camp Survivor

CAMPCLASSEN, Okla. - 77 kids in communities across the Chickasaw Nation can now make healthier decisions thanks to Camp Survivor. This year was the camp's first year and feedback says it was a huge success.

Native American kids from 9 to 13 years old were eligible to attend the camp. While attending the camp, students were educated on proper nutrition, ways to exercise and various other tips for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The goal was for kids to lead a healthier way of life so they might avoid threatening diseases like diabetes and heart disease.

"Camp Survivor is an example of the Chickasaw Nation's effort to enhance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "We feel teaching children how to make smart, healthy decisions is important to their future."

Youngsters at the camp were divided into teams, competing in various activities that focused on healthy living. The competitions focused on creative and artistic ability, as well as athletic ability.

The camp's mission was "to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and

exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere."

Camp Survivor is one of numerous summer camps hosted by the Chickasaw Nation. The camp was sponsored by the health system and youth and family services divisions.

On the final day of camp, kids watched some of their peers perform various Tae Kwon Do and Karate techniques during a martial arts demonstration. They were also informed about martial arts classes across the Chickasaw Nation.

"Martial arts is a way to discipline your life," Matt Clark,

Chickasaw Nation martial arts instructor, told the campers. The martial arts program is designed to improve self-esteem, self-respect, self-discipline and self-control, while developing healthy lifestyles, Clark said.

The martial arts demonstration was one of many topics campers learned about while attending



Camp Survivor campers and counselors take a moment out of their schedule to pose for a group picture. The camp was held at the end of May at Camp Classen, near Davis.



Martial arts instructor Matt Clark oversees a match between Dannie Davidson and Selena Alvarez during the Camp Survivor martial arts demonstration.



Chickasaw Nation martial arts students perform a routine for Camp Survivor campers. Pictured from left to right are: Selena Alvarez, orange belt in Tae Kwon Do; Rylee Davidson, yellow belt in Tae Kwon Do; Brittani Schultz, purple belt in Tae Kwon Do; Dakota Brown, white belt in Tae Kwon Do; and Dannie Davidson, green belt with a black stripe in Karate.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.



Tribal family members renew bonds at Chi Ka Sha!



Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

All the fun activities of the summertime going on in the Chickasaw Nation - and there are many! - are not keeping the Legislature from the responsibility of constantly upgrading and passing new legislation to keep up with the progressive mode the Nation is in.

The court system continues to be implemented and that committee is deluged with material setting up the guidelines of the lower courts. That committee

is very efficiently chaired by Legislator Tim Colbert. Mr. Colbert is an attorney who is also a District Court Judge in the world outside the Chickasaw Nation. We are fortunate to have the experience and expertise of Mr. Colbert to assist in this enormous task. Also, we are blessed with Supreme Court Justices who are knowledgeable and energetic to the cause. Working together has created a real 'power team' and rapid progress is being made in that effort.

The 2004 - 2005 budget has been presented to the Legislature and the budget hearings are being conducted. The hearings are spaced throughout the Nation so that no one wishing to attend will have an excessive distance to travel. The hearings are very ably conducted by the Finance Committee Chairman Scott Colbert and he is assisted by Tim Rhynes, the director of Office of Management and Budget. The hearings are informative and interesting and all concerns and

questions are acknowledged.

Prior to the onset of the budget hearings the Legislature met with all department heads for an in-depth study and understanding of the budget needs. The entire process is a monumental charge as the Nation has achieved such historic growth. We are fortunate beyond measure in the services offered.

The earlier efforts of the election Ad Hoc Committee are being employed as with the summer comes campaigning time in the Chickasaw Nation.

Under the guidance of Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott the Old Historic Capitol building nears completion of its total restoration. It is wonderful! If you are ever in this part of the world, a visit to the capitol at Tishomingo is a must. Remember, the Annual Festival conducted at Tishomingo is the first week of October.

And speaking of enjoying - on June 26 at the Chi Ka Sha Renewal the annual stickball game

between the Chickasaws and Choctaws took place. The game was renewed last year at Chi Ka Sha Renewal after a 100-year lapse and sadly (probably just a fluke!) the Choctaws won.

However, our team practices paid off this year. The Chicka-

saw team came away with an impressive 5-1 victory!

Hope your summer is a good one - be careful of the heat - travel safely. And may God watch over each of you!

Linda Briggs

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature Business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Small lifestyle changes have big impacts for diabetics



Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

We have many good things happening in the Pickens District and throughout the Chickasaw Nation. It is up to each of us to take advantage of the things our tribe provides to make our lives better.

Ground has been broken for the new Ardmore Wellness Center. This center will provide each of us the opportunity to enjoy better, healthier lives. I want to encourage our seniors and those who suffer from diabetes to make good use of the new center. If we take the time to

exercise and watch our diets, we can feel so much better!

Construction is going well at the Pauls Valley senior site. We all look forward to its opening late this fall.

You will be pleased to hear the renovation of our historic capitol at Tishomingo is going very well. The capitol is due for completion by Festival Day and there will be nice lighting on the capitol grounds that will display our capitol very nicely at night.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting with the Senior Council, and we all enjoyed doing some fun bead and craft work together. The Senior Council people were wonderful and a joy to be with!

Please remember the tribal elections upcoming in July. All Chickasaws' ballots will be mailed July 23. Voting is such a wonderful privilege, both as a Chickasaw and an American. We have the power in each of our hands to decide how our governments will be run. It is an awesome responsibility, and one we must each grab on to!

Our tribal businesses continue to do very, very well. We are

blessed to have Brian Campbell, our Chickasaw Enterprises president, and our past president David Hatton. Their business expertise has been so very helpful, and we now have our businesses going well and our tribe

moving forward.

We pray for all our military personnel in Iraq. Please remember my son, Jimmie D. Scott, Captain, U.S. Army Reserve, who is serving in Baghdad, in your prayers.

Thank you for reading my column and I look forward to hearing from you by letter, phone call or email to scottides@telepath.com. May God bless each and every Chickasaw across this land.

Committee Reports

Historical Capitol Ad Hoc Committee

June 7, 2004

Present: Melvin Burris, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert

Land Committee

June 7, 2004

Present: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Health Committee

June 7, 2004

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright

Absent: Linda Briggs

Historical Cultural Committee

June 7, 2004

Present: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman

Education Committee

June 7, 2004

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman

Finance Committee

June 14, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Steve Woods

Legislative Committee

June 7, 2004

Present: Beth Alexander, Mel-

vin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Human Resources Committee

June 7, 2004

Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright

Absent: Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Head Start kids moving on; lots of summer camps



Mary Jo Green

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! May has certainly been a busy month. The Health Care Committee met on June 7 and received an informative report from Bill Lance, Health Systems Administrator. A strategy has been adopted by our health system that will ensure that our clinics and hospital will perform above the standards set by the Indian Health Service.

We celebrated the grand opening of the Family Life Center in Ada June 21. It is especially nice to have an indoor walking track

and swimming pool for water aerobics.

The prescription refill center is planned to be built on a 2 acre tract just off the southwest corner of Carl Albert - the vacant lot that now holds a ball field. As soon as the tract is transferred to the Chickasaw Nation, the Nation will begin the process of putting the land into trust status. The prescription refill center is high on the list of priorities and plans are already being developed for the refill and referral mechanism.

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) department will soon be relocated to the undeveloped part of the Family Practice Center. The space WIC currently occupies in the Carl Albert Hospital building will be developed as an elder care unit.

Office of Environmental Health continues to make appointments for the upgrading of present needs and for new construction of sewage systems, lateral lines and water wells.

On another subject, I offer my congratulations to the Oklahoma City Community Council. The Council will hold their first summer picnic at their leased

building on Reno Street on July 10 at 6:00 p.m. All Chickasaw are invited to attend.

I am also a member of the Education Committee which also met on June 7. Administrator of Education Services Chris Redman and Director Julie Ray reported that the Department received 878 applications for higher education assistance next school year including 180 from graduating high school students. Our congratulations go out to all graduating students, some who will continue their education and others who will enter the work force. We wish all of you much success!

We were also informed that the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) leadership conference will be held at the Hilton at Southern Hills in Tulsa on July 19-21. The space camp (CNASA) was held in 2 sessions of 80 students each June 7-10 and 14-17. The Enrichment Program will continue through the month of June. To date this year, 47 WIA (Workforce Investment Act) students and 63 tribal vo-tech students have been provided financial assistance. We are so very proud

that the Chickasaw Nation is able to provide assistance to so many students!

As always, I invite any comments or questions you may have. Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and

every issue of the Chickasaw Times. I look forward to speaking with you! May God bless our health care providers and also our Indian people that they may be in better health in the coming year. Thank you.

Chickasaw Nation invites Head Start enrollment applications

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is accepting enrollment applications for the 2004-2005 school year.

Students must be 3 to 5 years old to qualify for Head Start programs in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo and Sulphur. Children must be 3 years old by September 1.

Children must be 4 years old to attend the Duncan and Madill Head Starts.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start programs are dedicated to providing learning experiences that contribute to the total growth and development of children and their families. The programs also facilitate educational activities that will enhance skills and knowledge to prepare children for public school.

The programs offer speech, hearing and vision screenings, individualized teaching, developmental and language evaluations, nutritious meals, field trips, social services, disability services and cultural activities.

Chickasaw Nation Head Start classes run weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning

in August.

To be accepted into the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program, children must meet income requirements. While there is a native American preference, children who do not have a CDIB card may also be eligible if he/she meets the income requirements.

Information needed for enrollment includes a birth certificate, immunization card, CDIB card, income verification and Sooner Care Card or private insurance card.

The enrollment applications will be prioritized this month. All Head Start applicants will be notified by August.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start in Ada can be reached at (580) 310-9490. For the Ardmore Head Start, call (580) 223-6276. Duncan Head Start can be reached at (580) 470-8370. For the Madill Head Start, call (580) 677-9190. For the Sulphur Head Start, call (580) 622-6200 and for the Tishomingo Head Start, call (580) 371-3216.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

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Court established to serve the people

Tribal judiciary sharing information with citizens



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

June is a wonderful time to see friends and share the news of the Judicial department. The Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and the District Court are enjoying the summer by visiting as many Community Council meetings as possible.

The first trip of the month, June 5, 2004, was to the Colorado Community Council. What a great bunch of citizens we have in Colorado! The Supreme Court presented a presentation to the Council members. Our focus was to bring as much information to our out of state council members as possible. We wanted to inform them of all of the changes that had taken place in the last six months as well as share with them the vi-

sion of where we would like to be in the future. Justice Smith presented our vision of providing a Peacemaking Court that would re-introduce the Chickasaw culture and traditions into the courts. We passed out Bedre chocolates in the form of the Judicial seal to everyone in attendance during the "Question and Answer" period. And of course, we are truly appreciative of the Legislators, Linda Briggs, Chairman and Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, who made the trip to Colorado with us. We presented a letter to the Colorado Community Council from Governor Bill Anoatubby extending his greetings and best wishes.

We are scheduled to attend the Purcell Community Council meeting on June 22, 2004. We are looking forward to seeing some old friends that we haven't seen since our last visit with the Purcell Community Council.

We hope everyone has received their judicial brochure by now. If you know of anyone who has not received their brochure please contact us at: 580-235-0281 and we will send one out to them.

Our Justice Smith has recently returned from a conference in Reno, Nevada titled, "Essential Skills for Tribal Appellate Judges". Once again, Justice Smith is bringing back critical information to our Supreme Court that will benefit us by strengthening our knowledge base.

As you may know, the Gover-

nor's Community dinners are being scheduled. Members of the Chickasaw Judicial department attended and assisted in the Sulphur dinner, June 24, 2004 at the Sulphur Expo Center. We had a booth

set up with extra brochures and other goodies.

James Chavis, of the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of



From left, Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille Eldred, Justice Mark H. Colbert, Legislator Linda Briggs, Legislator Judy Goforth Parker and Justice Barbara A. Smith

Justice Programs, paid us a one day onsite visit May 27, 2004. Mr. Chavis oversees our grant monies from Washington, D.C.

After reviewing our documents we had the opportunity to show Mr. Chavis part of our Nation. We toured the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters, District Court, Community Gardens, Multi-Media, Wellness Center, Carl Albert Indian Health Facility and the new Diabetic Center. Mr. Chavis was very impressed by the progressive attitudes embraced by the Chickasaw Nation which was evident in all of the programs available to the citizens.

We would like to close this month by thanking all of the Chickasaw Nation citizens who contacted us and let us know they are pleased to have a Supreme Court and a District Court available to them. Your input is vital to continue to operate a Court for the people. We will

continue to move forward with the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and District Court in a manner that will make the citizens of the Chickasaw Nations and all tribes proud.



From left, Jason Burwell, Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille Eldred, Mr. James Chavis, and Justice Barbara A. Smith

2002-2003 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Second Annual CNASA an Awesome Success

"It was awesome!"

Dozens of students repeated that phrase time and again during the second annual Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA).

Whether they were talking about their first ride in an airplane, launching a model rocket, something they learned in class or their trip to the Federal Aviation Administration center and Air National Guard post in Oklahoma City, the faces of students lit up as they explained their "awesome" experiences.

Another phrase heard frequently was "I didn't know there were that many jobs out there."

Some, like second year student and two-time Top Gun award

winner Heather Cheney, stated flatly, "I'm going to be an astronaut."

Others, however, said the camp helped them begin thinking about a wide range of aviation and space related careers including air traffic control, engineering, aviation mechanics, computer science and public relations.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby could hardly be more pleased with that outcome, from the first and only camp of its kind for Native Americans.

"It is extremely gratifying to hear this kind of enthusiasm as these students talk about careers in aviation and space," said Gov. Anoatubby. "One of our

highest priorities in developing this camp is to encourage these young people to envision themselves in a great career they will love and provide the tools and guidance to help them achieve those visions."

Cheney said the camp not only strengthened her vision of becoming an astronaut, but also helped her contemplate the future of aviation and space.

"I really liked the instructors, because they made learning fun. It wasn't just boring. It was fun and we actually learned. It sank in," said Ms. Cheney. "I'm leaving with a lot more knowledge than I had coming in."

"My favorite part about the camp was learning about flight and space," she added. "The history of it and what we can do in the future. And jobs we could learn."

"And flying in the plane. That was awesome!" she added with a wide grin.

First year student Hillary Wiliford said the camp was better than she had expected.

"I didn't really have a favorite thing. I just thought it was all lots of cool stuff," said Ms. Wiliford. "It taught me a lot about occupations I didn't know."

She is now considering a career as an air traffic controller, something she had "never really thought about before."

Hearing such comments, retired astronaut Charlie Dry who was instrumental in the development of the U.S. Space camp, the Cosmosphere Space camp and helped develop CNASA for the tribe, simply said, "awesome!"

"This is more than just another camp where kids can have a good time," said Dry. "These kids did have a great time, but they learned something. This will be a life changing experience for some of these students."

"Some of them will come back year after year and the experience and knowledge they gain here, they will give them a leg up on their competition when they apply to college, flight school or technical school. When they graduate, companies like Boeing, Raytheon, American Airlines and others will be knocking on their door."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



A CNASA student bounds out of the plane to tell other students about his "awesome" flight.

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Tom Cole announces reelection bid for Congress



U.S. REP. TOM COLE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. -- U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), Chickasaw, announced May 25 his intention to run for reelection as Oklahoma's Fourth District Representative in the U.S. Congress.

"It has been exciting and challenging to serve the Fourth District over the past year and a half. I have had the opportunity to work with Oklahomans and accomplish many good things

for our state. I look forward to building on these accomplishments by standing before the voters and asking for another term in the U.S. House of Representatives," said Rep. Cole.

"Whether it is the worker at Tinker, the teacher in Ada, the family businesswoman in Duncan, the soldier at Ft. Sill, or the rancher in Carter County, it is the people of the Fourth District who have made serving in Congress such a tremendous experience. I know how hard all of these people work on a day-to-day basis, and I pledge to work just as hard on their behalf as their Congressman."

Chickasaw Governor Bill Anoatubby was quick to commend Rep. Cole on his work in Congress.

"Since day one of his term, Rep. Cole has worked very hard for all his constituents," said Governor Anoatubby. "He pays tribute to his heritage in

more ways than the Tom Philips paintings and other Chickasaw artwork in his office. He fights hard for what he believes in. We would be hard pressed to find anyone who could measure up to the standard he has set as our representative in Congress."

Rep. Cole's membership on the House Resources Committee has put him in a position to work for his Native American constituents, because much of the legislation that affects tribes moves through that committee.

"As one of only two Native Americans currently serving in the House of Representatives, I am committed to serving the Native Americans living in Oklahoma and across the United States," said Rep. Cole. "I am very proud of my heritage and the tremendous accomplishments of the Native American Community in Oklahoma and across our country."

One important piece of leg-

islation Rep. Cole has helped move through the House is the Native American Small Business Development Act (HR 1166). Passed in the House in March, this legislation will give more attention to the Small Business Development Center program to serve the entrepreneurial needs of Native Americans.

"Native Americans are aggressively working toward better health care and economic diversification. I will work to ensure quality health care for Native Americans," said Rep. Cole. "The United States has promised to provide this care and I will work to keep that promise. I also will work for increased business opportunities in Indian country to grow their communities and increase Native Americans' economic prospects."

Rep. Cole entered his freshman term in the House with a leadership position. He was

selected as one of several assistant majority whips by House Majority Whip-elect Roy Blunt of Missouri.

The Majority Whip is the third-ranking member of the House leadership, behind the Speaker and the Majority Leader.

Knowing that a majority of work gets done in Congressional committees, Rep. Cole asked for and received assignments to the House Resources Committee, the Armed Services Committee and the Education and Workforce Committee.

"I didn't think I would get three committees, you normally only get two," said Rep. Cole at the time. "I thought I had a good chance at armed services although there were five spots available and there were 13 freshmen going after them, so you never know."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Bond issue approved for American Indian Cultural Center

Recent approval of a \$33 million bond issue brings construction of the American Indian Cultural Center at the southeast corner of I-35 and I-40 in Oklahoma City one step closer.

The Oklahoma Council of Bond Oversight Commission approved issuance of the bonds May 27, and the Oklahoma Capital Improvement Authority approved the issue for construction of the center June 3. The bond issue is to close this summer.

Senate Bill 73, passed by the Oklahoma legislature in 2003, required the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority (NACEA) to raise the first three years of debt service before the bonds could be issued.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, who serves as chairman of the NACEA, spearheaded efforts to raise funds from the tribes to cover the first three years of debt service.

"We have had exceptional support from the tribes," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Tribal leaders recognize that this world-class facility will be a national and international destination point that

will not only be a tremendous economic boon for the state, but will also provide a great venue to educate and inform visitors about our heritage and culture."

Approval of the bond issue will enable the city of Oklahoma City to transfer the approximately 300 acres of land, considered by many to be the crossroads of America, to the NACEA. It will also enable the city to activate a \$5 million Community Development Block Grant for construction purposes.

Tommy Thompson, executive director of the NACEA, indicated the authority would soon announce the date for formal ground breaking on the site. He said the NACEA would be working closely with the Oklahoma Centennial Commission, the City of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma City Redevelopment and Riverfront Authority, tribes and several other agencies to plan for this event.

Thompson reported that the consulting team of Johnson Fain Design Group, Los Angeles, the Hornbeek Architectural Group of Edmond, Okla., and Applebaum Associates of New

York are currently working on schematic and exhibit designs for the center.

"The proposed American Indian Cultural Center in Oklahoma City will promote the rich Na-

tive American Heritage that is an integral part of the Oklahoma's history," said Thompson. "The center will showcase tribes from across the nation, and is expected to be the premier

tourist attraction in the state of Oklahoma."

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Relay for Life Fundraiser



Chris Cully and David Correll, both from Ada, Okla., prepare orders at the Relay for Life fundraiser cookout hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens. Lunch items were available for purchase from noon to 1 p.m. on May 28, 2004. The Community Gardens raised \$200 at the event and all proceeds went to the American Cancer Society.

Fifty students awarded Chickasaw Millennium Scholarships

Fifty graduating seniors in eight states have been awarded Chickasaw Millennium scholarships for the 2004-2005 school year.

More than 200 students applied for the competitive \$1,000 scholarship. Students must have a 2.0 or higher grade point average and be enrolled as a full time student in a post-secondary or vocational school.

Those selected will receive a \$500 disbursement in the fall semester and a \$500 disbursement for the spring semester.

Students selected to receive scholarships are listed below.

Jessica Wolfe, Marietta High School; Kayleigh Starns, Durant High School; Lindsey Grizzle, Victory Life Academy - Durant;

Joseph Ross, Latta High School; Cole Craddock, Plainview High School; Traci Griffith, East Bakersfield, Calif. High School; Brittney Goheen, Ada High School; Jay Keehn, Madill High School; Whitney Nichols, Mustang High School; Scott Beller, Washington High School; Emily Heath, Colbert High School; Cordelia McGee, Ardmore High School; Kolby Parks, Stroud High School; Aaryn Patterson, Holdenville High School; Heather Meely, Okemah High School; Monty Wright, Blooming Grove, Texas High School; Jessica Thomas, Riverton, Kansas High School; Marcie Wilson, Newcastle High School; Amy Somers, Lindsay High School; Tasha Russell, Tipton

High School; Jarett Browning, Westmoore High School; Ashley Williams, Sulphur high School; Adrienne Jensen, Rattan High School; Melissa Montgomery, Choctaw High School; John Switzer, Klein Oak, Texas, High School; Tarryn Yott, midwest City High School; Jeremy Wilkins, Sulphur High School; Landon Baker, Carl Albert High School; J.D. Wallace, Madill High School; Garrett Martin, Routt Catholic High - Illinois; Kecia Nichols, Marcus High - Flower Mound, Texas; Chenina hearell, Roff High School; Laura Jacobson, Reno, Nevada High School; Lindsey Ray, Duncan High School; Jennifer Clark, Mustang High School; John Ball, Central High

- Little Rock, Arkansas; J.D. Alexander, Velma Alme High School; Blair Goforth, Edmond Memorial High School; Tyler Robbins, Tuttle High School; Tyra Shackelford, Purcell High School; Casey Chatfield, Byng High School; Hillary Green, Sapulpa High School; Sasha Big Hair, Tishomingo High School; Jeff carpenter, Ada High School;

Kalyn McAlister, Oklahoma Christian School - Edmond; Staci Harp, Denison, Texas High School; Jessican Bean, Plainview High School; Keri Adams, Midway High School - Henrietta, Texas; Jordan Scalise, Southwest Secondary Learning Center - New Mexico.

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Net assets top \$200 million; businesses outpacing previous year results

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for educa-

tion includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the past year or the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Some year-end adjustments have not been made.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending May 31, 2004

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$4.5 million for the month and \$31.1 million for the year.

Expenditures for the month were \$1.4 million and \$13.9 for the year to date which is slightly less than the budget for the eight months. Expenditures for construction of fixed assets total \$3.5 million for the month and \$10.1million for the year to date. Current expenditures for fixed assets are included in fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$210.9 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$74.7 million for the year to date and was better than budget. Expenditures for fixed asset were \$4.1 million for the month and \$27.6 million year to date.

Statement of Net Assets

At May 31, 2004, the tribal

government funds had \$32.5 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$5.2 million is in the BIA Trust fund and \$0.7 million is reserved for construction projects approved by the legislature.

The businesses had \$33.4 million in cash and investments of which \$11.8 million is for accounts payable and \$18.9 million is reserved for reinvestment

in present and new businesses.

As of May 31, 2004, tribe operations had assets totaling \$231.5 million with \$15.8 million in payables resulting in nett assets of \$215.7 million compared to \$152.8 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$62.9 million.

		Total Governmental	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Chickasaw Nation				
Total Assets		210,900,000	33,400,000	244,300,000
Total Liabilities		10,000,000	15,800,000	25,800,000
Total Net Assets		200,900,000	17,600,000	218,500,000
Revenue		210,900,000	33,400,000	244,300,000
Expenses		10,000,000	15,800,000	25,800,000
Net Income		200,900,000	17,600,000	218,500,000
Transfers to Government		10,000,000	15,800,000	25,800,000
Transfers from Government		10,000,000	15,800,000	25,800,000
Total		210,900,000	33,400,000	244,300,000
Chickasaw Enterprises				
Total Assets		210,900,000	33,400,000	244,300,000
Total Liabilities		10,000,000	15,800,000	25,800,000
Total Net Assets		200,900,000	17,600,000	218,500,000
Revenue		210,900,000	33,400,000	244,300,000
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Band focuses on fun, fellowship

Chickasaw Cats entertaining crowds for over two decades



For 22 years the Chickasaw Cats band has been performing routines across the state. Pictured are the Chickasaw Cats band members in the 70s.

Entertainment and enthusiasm has flowed from the musical tunes of the Chickasaw Cats for 22 years. The Chickasaw Cats band consists of Native American senior volunteer entertainers who love both music and making people smile.

The first Chickasaw Nation Senior Day was conducted in 1982. Former Ada senior site manager Mary Jo Green suggested light entertainment was needed for the lunch. Upon checking, she discovered a kitchen band of seniors from the Methodist Church. The music of pot lids and kazoos were fun for the audience, as well as the seniors. Geraldine Jones, a Chickasaw citizen and member of the Methodist Church Kitchen Band, assisted Mrs. Green with the formation of the first Chickasaw band: the Chickasaw Cats.

The band soon acquired musicians and played on many occasions, including Chickasaw Annual Day, twice in Nashville and once at Opryland. The Cats played three times in Tulsa for Senior Day. They have played 10 times at the State Capitol Senior Day and have performed for Senior Day in Ada many times. The band currently plays twice monthly at nursing homes and senior sites in the area.

"Playing for nursing homes, senior centers and other events gives us a feeling of sharing and caring for those not able to physically go as much as we band members," band leader Mrs. Green said. "It's fun and fellowship."

While performing at nursing

homes, it's customary for band members to shake hands and talk to those in attendance. Some people dance with the Cats' dancers. The Cats have played at nursing homes from Oklahoma City to Ardmore and all places in between.

Indian songs and dances are a part of every Chickasaw Cats performance. Other acts include clogging, waltzing, line dancing and even the twist. Most performances last about an hour.

"The caring nature of the Chickasaw Cats is inspiring as members continue to offer their time and talent to fellow seniors," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "Their performances are uplifting, as well as entertaining."

Most of the 28 original band members are now deceased. Only two of the original band member are still playing, singing and dancing, Mrs. Green and Lorraine Marler. Howard and Theresa James and Mildred Leslie are no longer able to participate with the group, but hold fond memories of their time spent with the band. Jane Shi joined the group within three months of startup and has been an inspiring part of the band ever since, Mrs. Green said.

The Chickasaw Cats hope to continue, Mrs. Green said, as long as they have individuals donating their talent to make music from the past come alive.

"Entertaining lightens our hearts," she said.

Many wonderful memories are shared by those who have been part of the band. When a

person becomes a Cat there is a special bond shared by band members. Band members are Native American citizens who love to entertain.

When a band member passes away, the Cats attend the funeral services as a group. Each member of the Chickasaw Cats puts a rose on the casket. The Cats wear red and white or red and black to the funeral in honor of the former band member.

The band currently consists of Mrs. Green on the kazoo, tambourine and spoons; Jane Shi on the piano; Bobbi Koch

on the banjo, spoons and piano; Jean Meek on the violin; R.B. Archer on the mandolin and guitar; Clark Cogburn on the bass guitar; Chuck Morris on the guitar; Sim Greenwood and Bob Smith on the drums; Pauline Walker on the Indian drum and shakers; and Bob Ross on the No. 2 wash tub. Vocalists for the band include Alice Phillips, Carmen Sharp, Ruth Ellis, Sophia Perry, Mildred Green, Bertha Allen, Bernita Horton, Regina Horton, Nadine Owens, Nell Goforth, Bonnie Archer, Sally Marler, Ginger Paulk, Ruby McKinney, Ann Thompson, June Greenwood, Elnora Fullerton and Pat Cox.

"Sometimes we are good and a few times outstanding, but it's always fun and something



Jane Shi, a retired school teacher, has been playing with the Chickasaw Cats for over 20 years.

to talk about for days," Mrs. Green said.

The group can be reached by contacting Mary Jo Green at (580) 332-2394; Alice Phillips at (580) 332-2260; or Pat Cox of the Ada Senior Nutrition Site at (580) 436-1007.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.



R.B. Archer, a member of the Chickasaw Cats band, shows off his musical talent during a Chickasaw Cat performance, Thursday, June 24, 2004 at the Ballard Nursing Home. The Chickasaw Cats, comprised of nearly 25 Native American senior citizens, performed for over an hour in front of more than 50 people.



The Chickasaw Cats band will put smiles on many faces this year. Pictured on the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters lawn are members of the 2004 Chickasaw Cats. Front row from left, Jean Meek, Pauline Walker, Mary Jo Green, Bob Ross, Jane Shi, Nell Goforth, Nadine Owens, Margaret Melville, Bertha Allen, Elnora Fullerton, R. B. Archer, Bobbie Koch. Back row from left, Lorraine Marler, Alice Phillips, Ginger Paulk, Clark Cogburn, Ruth Ellis, Mildred Green, Sim Greenwood, June Greenwood, Ruby McKinney, Carmen Sharp, Pat Cox and Bob Smith.

Facility serves northern Chickasaw Nation

Ground broken for Ardmore Wellness Center



Artists rendering of the Ardmore Wellness Center.

ARDMORE, Okla. - Ground-breaking ceremonies were Friday, May 28 at 911 Locust for a new Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center.

Physical therapy services will be offered at the 9,200-square-foot facility, which will be located between the Chickasaw Nation Community Center and the Carter Seminary gymnasium.

Free weights and weight training machines, as well as treadmills and a variety of other cardiovascular training equipment

will also be available.

Trained staff members will be on duty to offer instruction, consultation and assistance.

Almost 1,600 square feet of open area will be dedicated to martial arts and aerobics classes led by certified instructors.

All services, including classes and access to the center will be available free of charge to Chickasaw citizens, employees and immediate family members. Classes, equipment and other services will be available to

other local residents for a reasonable fee.

Two offices for Youth and Family Services personnel will also be housed in the center.

Midway Construction of Ardmore has been contracted to build the center, which was designed by McAlester architect Tim Wynn.

Estimated completion date is March 2005.

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Chickasaw Foundation to host scholarship reception

Everyone is invited to join the Chickasaw Foundation in honoring scholarship recipients and donors at the fourth annual scholarship reception on Tuesday, July 27 at 6 p.m. in the Chickasaw Nation headquarters conference room.

Chickasaw Foundation scholarships will be announced during the reception.

Scholarships include: Donald D. Gunning Memorial

Scholarship; Gene and Sonam Hill Computercraft Corporation Scholarship; Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship

Bank2 Banking Scholarship, in memory of Robert Walton; Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship; Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship; Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship; Ann Eubank Health Scholarship; Bank2 Ta'ossaa-asha' Scholarship; Edward L. Kruger

Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship; Mary K. Moreland and Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship; Native American Women's Entrepreneurial Scholarship; Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship; Frederick L. Hill - The Hill Group Scholarship; and the John Bennett Herrington Scholarship.

Thank You, Chickasaw Nation!

The Chickasaw Foundation extends their appreciation to Chickasaw Nation employees who have enrolled in the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan. Your contributions are such an amazing way to help others who are in need. Keep up the good work!

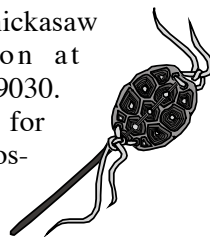
Chickasaw Nation employees who were enrolled during 2003

helped the Foundation to make donations to the following organizations: Special Olympics Oklahoma, Chickasaw Nation Ada Area Office Angel Tree - toys and clothes for 15 children, Ada Regional United Way, Inc., Success by 6, Ada Boys & Girls Club, Pontotoc Animal Welfare Society Shelter, American Cancer Society - Ada Relay for Life, Chickasaw Foundation, The Salvation Army, March of

Dimes, Family Crisis Center and Carter Seminary.

If you haven't already enrolled, and are interested in making a difference in the lives of others, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

Thank you for your generosity!



America the Beautiful Fund

The Chickasaw Foundation partnered with the Community Garden program, and received 819 vegetable seed packets through a proposal to the America the Beautiful Fund. These seed packets will be distributed to our elders so they may benefit from the bounty of a garden.

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Barker graduates Leadership Love County

Connie Barker, Chickasaw from Marietta, Okla., was a member of the first class to graduate Leadership Love County.

Mrs. Barker is the director of Mercy Health Love County Rural Health Clinic in Marietta, and was recently appointed to the Marietta Board of Education.

She has three children who attend school in the district and one child who has graduated.

She has lived in Love County all her life and is very involved in her community.

Linda Briggs is the Chickasaw legislator in her district.

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Linda Briggs for a long time and she has inspired me to become more involved in the Chickasaw Nation" said Mrs. Barker. "I feel she has set a great example for all Chickasaw women to step up and be part of this great nation."



From left, Governor Anoatubby, Connie Barker and Tribal Legislator Linda Briggs.

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Jessie Sierra Frazier

Jessie Sierra Frazier celebrates her first birthday on July 20, 2004.

She is the daughter of Belvin and Sherri Frazier of Muskogee, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Ruth and the late Joe B. Frazier of Tishomingo, Okla. Her siblings are Tobiah, Layla and Nathan Frazier.

Births



McKenna Hope Nail

es.

She is welcomed by a sister Domineque, 6.

Her grandparents are Jerry and Bettie Romano, Calvin, Okla., and Charles and Kathy Nail, Sasakwa.

Her great-grandparents are Michael Romano, Mocksville, N.C., Bill and Emozett Phillips, Konawa, Okla. and Ivone Nail, Sasakwa. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Margaret Romano, Lodi, N.J.

Her uncle Jerry W. Romano is security manager and "nana" Kathy Nail is purchasing clerk for Chickasaw Nation Health System.

Brett and Andrea Nail, Raytown, Mo., announce the birth of a daughter, McKenna Hope on June 9, 2004 at 12:17 p.m. at St. Joseph's Health Center, Kansas City, Mo.

McKenna weighed 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and measured 19.5 inch-

Five Generations of Chickasaws



The Clifford - Brauning family gathered for a photo representing five generations. From left, Justin Brauning (fourth generation), Aubri Lynn Brauning (fifth generation), Kay Brauning (third generation), Helen Clifford Leader (second generation), all from Bowlegs, Okla., and Mary Lois Goer Clifford (first generation) from Ada, Okla.

WMU Women Donate Blankets for Babies



Front row from left, Lucy McLemore, Dedra Nowlin, Mary Ahtone. Back row from left, Rev. Dan McLemore, Evelyn Wood, Barbara Futischa, Judy Clark, Candis McLemore and Neva Bond.

The WMU women of Ada First Indian Baptist Church, Ada, Okla., made and donated seven baby blankets to "Blankets for Babies". The blankets were presented to Judy Clark during the Wednesday night service on May 26, 2004.

Ms. Clark is a midwife at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada. She attended the National Conference for the

American College of Nurses-Midwives (ACNM) in May 2004 in New Orleans. ACNM initiated blankets for babies as their trade organization. Nurse-midwives were asked to bring a new blanket with them to donate to a hospital or charity identified by the Louisiana midwives.

Ms. Clark was very excited about the blankets the women at the church made. "I pray that

the Holy Spirit will cover these babies each time the blankets are used," she said with tearful eyes. "Thank you for sharing your talents and blessings."

The women met on Sundays, one hour before WMU meetings to sew on the blankets, taking one month to complete.

Brown receives CNHS Employee Excellence Award



Rhonda Hulse Brown

Rhonda Hulse Brown, Chickasaw, was awarded the Employee Excellence Award for the month of May for the Chickasaw Nation Health System. She received the award May 12, 2004 during the de-

partment head meeting at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility (CAIHF). The health system is comprised of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility and the satellite clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Durant and the Ada Family Practice Clinic.

She is employed as a medical technologist in the laboratory of CAIHF. She has been employed at the laboratory for 15 years.

During the meeting it was stated that Rhonda Brown is an employee who goes above and beyond the call of duty in performing her duties as a staff medical technologist for the health system. Not only does Rhonda perform her job as a staff medical technologist, she has also assumed responsibility for many of the duties of senior medical technologist for the hematology/urinalysis department. In addition, she assists

in providing back-up coverage for the satellite clinic labs. She is always willing to assist on short notice. She has become proficient in the different test systems at Durant, Ardmore and Tishomingo, as well as the different processes and procedures followed at these clinics.

She spent the majority of her life working for her tribe in some capacity. She was employed by the Chickasaw Tribal Office in 1975. After working for the tribe in the education and information departments for 10 years she went back to school and received her degree in medical technology from East Central University, Ada, Okla. She also served on the Governor's Advisory Council in the mid 70's.

She is the daughter of Charlene Hulse and the late Homer Hulse. She has one daughter, Christine Brown.



Billy announces campaign for Oklahoma State House



Lisa J. Billy

Lisa J. Billy, an educator at the University of Oklahoma, has announced her campaign for state representative.

"Oklahoma will thrive if we focus on economic development, educational excellence and traditional values," Billy said.

Billy is seeking the seat being

vacated by Rep. Billy J. Mitchell, who is leaving because of term limits.

Billy was born in Purcell to Frank and Beverly Johnson. She is a third generation resident of McClain county and the granddaughter of Homer and Evelyn Johnson. Her grandfather was a local horse trainer.

"I will be a conservative voice that listens to the concerns of all our citizens and will bring these concerns to the state legislature for our neighborhoods and communities."

"We need leadership for our children and grandchildren, a proven conservative who understands both business and education. We need a representative who will always make us proud, by the values she promotes and the life she lives," Billy said.

Billy was elected as a legislator for the Chickasaw Nation in 1996. As a legislator she chaired the education and health committees, and served on the

finance committee. She was a strong voice for a balanced budget.

"I believe strongly in fiscal responsibility, lower taxes, the sanctity of life and traditional marriages. We need to direct more dollars into the classroom and improve our schools with stronger standards."

Billy earned a master's degree in Education from the University of Oklahoma and a bachelor's in Business and Fine Arts from Northeastern State University. Billy was inducted into the NSU Hall of Fame.

Billy has served as president elect on the Board of Directors for the McClain and Garvin Youth and Family Center and in 1997 she received the Institute of Child Advocacy volunteer for the year award. She has been a Girl Scout National Board member since 1996.

Billy was raised on a farm and knows first hand the struggles for rural Oklahomans. Faith,

family, hard work and an unwavering commitment to the values our nation was founded upon are what keeps her striving to improve the lives of all she serves.

Billy is married to Phillip, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, who is a program director for a counseling agency that provides services to McClain county

schools. She and her husband live in the country between Purcell and Washington, where they are raising their three children.



Wyatt government thesis a winner



Rachel Wyatt

Rachel Diane Wyatt, of Norman, Okla., recently graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with Special Honors in Government.

Rachel is the 2004 recipient of the prestigious William Jennings Bryan Award for Best Honors Thesis entitled "Gender and Public Policy: A Statistical Analysis of the Texas House of Representatives." The recipient of this highly coveted award is selected from all thesis candidates from the U.T. Department of Government. Established at UT in 1898, the William Jennings Bryan Prize in Gov-

ernment is earmarked for "the writer of the best essay on a subject in political science deemed worthy of national recognition". The Department of Government is the largest at the University of Texas at Austin and graduated over 500 students this May. Her research will be published soon in a government textbook.

Rachel is pursuing her passion for government and politics by working as an intern in the Washington, D.C. office of Oklahoma Senator Don Nickles. Her internship is being sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation. She will begin working for the federal government this August at the conclusion of her internship. Rachel is also pursuing a graduate degree in Political Management from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Rachel is the daughter of Richard and Suzanne Wyatt, Norman and a descendant of Mildred "Choc" Norvell of Purcell, Okla.

Rachel was a member of the Norman North High School Class of 2000.

Shackleford children winners at Youth Language Fair



Shackleford children include front row from left, Dale, 4, Katy, 7. Back row from left, Brooke, 10, Amanda, 13, and Sky Shackleford, 10.

Amanda, Skye, Brooke, Katy, and Dale Shackleford participated in the 2nd Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman, Okla., on Monday, April 19, 2004.

Katy and Dale placed first in the pre-K to second grade spoken language category with a skit titled "Sheki! Enoti Alatatoba".

Brooke placed first in the eight - 11 year old poster contest with her poster titled "Chikasha Sah Yah!"

Amanda sang Chata Amazing Grace Oke in the sixth - eighth grade Song and Dance division.

Skye and Brooke sang Chata Amazing Grace Oke in the third to fifth grade Song and Dance category.

The three older girls were

asked to introduce themselves in Chickasaw and sing a song in Chickasaw (Heroes, Legends and Dreams) live on KIWA radio while they were broadcasting live from the Sam Noble Museum for the day.

The Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair is the largest of its kind in the country with students from more than 30 schools and independent programs and representing at least 11 different tribes. The Shacklefords were the only students representing Chickasaws in the spoken language and song and dance contests. Along with spoken language presentations, song and dance presentations, video and multi-media contests, and poster competitions, students could learn and play Cherokee marbles and learn how to do stop-animation.

Parents of the Shackleford children are Keith and Mary Shackleford of Lexington, Okla. Grandparents of the children are F.E. and Octavia (Heffington) Shackleford. Original enrollee, the late Zora (Willis) Heffington is their great-grandmother.

Note of thanks!

The first annual Marshall County Chickasaw Council Music Fest was rewarding and a success.

At the June meeting the council decided to make this an annual event.

We wish to convey our sincere gratitude to everyone that participated. The volunteer help, donations from many areas, and the musicians who made our event very festive,

Bill Pettigrew, James Christie, Ethel Price, Patricia Bostick, Ron Frazer and Choir, and Days Journey, provided the music and did an outstanding presentation.

The Marshall County Chickasaw Council is grateful to everyone who helped us make our first event a success.

Thank you,
Sarah Lee

Walker receives evangelism diploma from Rhema Bible College



Ezekiel Walker

Ezekiel Aaron Walker recently graduated from Rhema Bible College, Tulsa, Okla. He has received ministerial training in several areas and graduated with a diploma in evangelism.

He is the son of Toni and Carolyn Walker and the brother of Niki Walker all of Mill Creek, Okla. He is the grandson of Button and Sue Tisdell, Mill Creek and Pauline Walker, Ada, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Johnnie and Madeline Thomas, Pontotoc, Okla.

Ezekiel will now be moving to Santa Barbara, Calif., to work as a youth pastor under pastors Ray Gene and Beth Wilson of the West Coast Believers Church.

We love you and are very proud of your success!

Mom, Dad and Niki

Niki graduates eighth grade



Niki Walker

Niki Lynn Walker, 13, recently graduated from the eighth grade at Mill Creek, Okla. Public School.

Niki is the son of Toni and Carolyn Walker of Mill Creek. and the brother of Ezekiel Walker,

er, Santa Barbara, Calif. He is the grandson of Button and Sue Tisdell, Mill Creek, and Pauline Walker, Ada, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Johnnie and Madeline Thomas, Pontotoc, Okla.

Niki enjoys playing basketball, baseball and golf. He has been involved in several camps to enhance his athletic abilities. This past year Niki was on the Governor's Honor Roll. He won several academic awards and poetry contest.

We are very proud of you Niki and we can't wait to watch you play high school basketball.

Your biggest fans,
Mom, Dad, Zeke, Granny and Papa

Ardmore student recognized for academic achievement



Brandi Taylor

Brandi Taylor, a sixth grader at Ardmore Middle School, is the daughter of Lorene and Richard Taylor. She is the granddaughter of Caroline Krebs, Ahnawake Taylor and the late Cecil Taylor.

Brandi was named to the Principal's Honor Roll this year and the Governor's Honor Roll for the past two years. Last year she was on the Superintendent's Honor Roll. She is active in student council, all girls choir and a missionette at Crystal Rock Cathedral.

Fundraiser helps with medical expenses



Chickasaw auctioneer Tommy McDonald of OLE MCDONALDS AUCTION SERVICES, LLC, Durant, Okla., presents Tammy Hayworth (center,) and Wanda Rose with the proceeds from a recent auction.

The proceeds from the auction will go toward medical expenses for Benny Rose.

'Its About Money'

Chickasaw college interns making a difference at Bank2



J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

It was with great joy that I read last month's issue of the Chickasaw Times and stories concerning our many wonderful Chickasaw youth who recently have graduated from high school.

They have already achieved many accomplishments and are preparing to further their education by going on to college or trade school. It is truly rewarding to see that so many of our Chickasaw young people who have a very bright future and who will avail themselves of educational opportunities.

One very important aspect of their immediate educational experience should include financial education. To learn the basics of formulating and adhering to a personal financial budget as well as the basics of saving and investing will serve our young people throughout their entire lives.

We at Bank2 recently had the opportunity to deliver a

presentation to 32 young Indian students regarding the basics of personal money management and saving for the future. These were a group of students who had been selected to participate in the Summer Academy sponsored by the Association of American Indian Physicians.

The Summer Academy is an 8-week long program wherein Indian high school students interested in pursuing a career in the health care professions are provided an opportunity to obtain a first hand look at various health careers offered through the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

The basic message that we attempted to convey to these bright, young students was "Pay

Yourself First". This means a disciplined approach to personal money management wherein people take a certain percentage of their income, say 10%, and take it right off the top of their income and place it in a savings account. Doing so on a regular basis allows one to accumulate funds to reach certain financial goals.

Another important concept that we attempted to convey is that people build wealth not by income but by creating financial assets. Thus, one can use one's savings to further one's education, to purchase and home (and thus build long-term equity) or to start a business.

The 32 young students in the Summer Academy program

were very bright and asked many good questions. It was obvious that they were serious about learning more about personal money management to help them reach their goals. Many will be establishing their first bank account right here at Bank2.

J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$60 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money, is published monthly by Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.



Becky earns bronze at state gymnastics championship



Becky Mayes

Becky Mayes, representing Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy, won the bronze medal at the Junior Olympic Level 5

State Gymnastics Championship.

There were 28 state qualifiers in the 9-year-old division at the meet conducted in Oklahoma City, April 24. Becky scored 9.375 on vault, 9.375 on uneven bars, 9.35 on balance beam and 9.2 on the floor exercise. Her all around score of 37.3 placed her third in the state.

Becky will get to attend the all-state banquet at the University of Oklahoma Student Union banquet room.

She is the daughter of Roger and Carrie Mayes of Purcell, Okla.

Becky is 1/16 Chickasaw.

Atencio Awarded Space Grant Graduate Research Fellowship

Chickasaw tribal member Joleen Nicole Atencio was among 13 New Mexico State University students who received scholarships from the N.M. Space Grant Consortium (NMSGC) for fall 2004.

Atencio, is the daughter of Chuck and Jeannie Rosson of Pheonix, Ariz.

She was among nine students who were awarded Graduate Research Fellowships worth \$4,000 each.

Atencio, a graduate student studying biology, is working on "Substitution of surface temperature for atmospheric temperature in degree-day models."

Her adviser is Bob Sanderson, an associate professor of entomology, plant pathology and weed science at NMSU.

Atencio graduated from Tolleson High School, Tolleson,

Ariz., in 1997.

She earned her bachelor's degree from NMSU in 2002 and will receive her master's degree in December 2004.

Each year, NMSGC awards

\$125,000 scholarships to students in New Mexico.

Graduate Research Fellowships are awarded to students who work with faculty on funded research projects.

Drake named to college of engineering honor roll



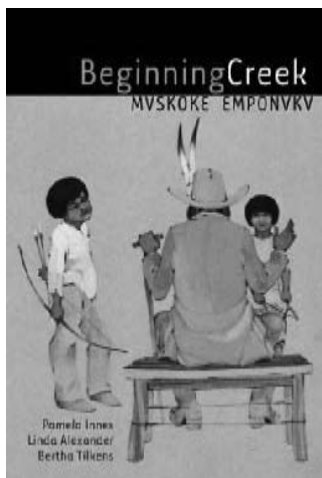
Angela Drake

Angela Michelle Drake was selected as a member of the College of Engineering Dean's Honor Roll for Spring 2004 at the University of Oklahoma. She was named to the honor roll for her outstanding work in the college.

She is the daughter of Christopher and Deanna Drake of Fredricksburg, Va., and the granddaughter of Robert E. and Alycia Dempsey of Purcell, Okla.

Check it out..... at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

Featured Selections of the Month



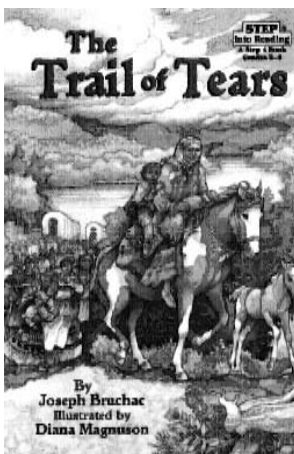
Beginning Creek *Mvskoke Emponkv*

By Pamela Innes, Linda Alexander and Bertha Tilkens

Back cover: Beginning Creek provides a basic introduction to the language and culture of the Mvskoke-speaking peoples, Muskogee (Creek) and Seminole Indians. Written by linguistic anthropologist Pamela Innes and native speakers Linda Alexander and Bertha Tilkens, the text is accessible to general readers and students and is accompanied by two compact discs.

Published by University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma.

Five Tribes Section



The Trail of Tears By Joseph Bruchac Illustrated by Diana Magnuson

Juvenile/Young Adult Section

Back cover: It is October 1, 1838. John Ross, the Chief of the great Cherokee Nation, is looking at his home for the last time. All around him, people are loading covered wagons. Soon the last bundle is packed and the last horse is hitched. John Ross and the group of Cherokee people his is leading are ready to begin the long march west.

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Tournament raises \$13,000 for Adopt-A-Marine Project

The Chickasaw Community Council of San Antonio's June 11th golf tournament was a tremendous success with 20 volunteers, 25 corporate sponsors, 14 individual sponsors, and over \$13,000.00 donated in merchandise, services and financial contributions.

Proceeds go toward "comfort packages" of small toys and candy which servicemen in Iraq distribute to local children.

Several local and state officials attended the awards dinners after the tournament; among them were Shannon Cantrell, representing Texas Governor Rick Perry, Malcolm Matthews, Director of Parks & Recreation City of San Antonio, and representatives US Marine Corp.

Our special guest, Terry and Paula Rose, parents of one of the Marines in our company was presented a Marine Flag and a Chickasaw Nation Lapel pin in appreciation for their son's service.

The next benefit event will be "Chickasaw Community Council Night" at Mission Baseball. The date of this event is scheduled for September 2, 2004. Additional information will be on both www.asomsa.org and www.ccc-sa.org.

The third quarter meeting of the council will be on September 16, 2004 at The Old San Francisco in San Antonio. Please check the website www.ccc-sa.org for all the details.

Letter to Editor:

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the Chickasaw Nation for their generosity through funding of the higher education department. This great program has assisted me through nine years of college during which I earned two bachelors degrees and, on May 8, will have the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree conferred upon me from

the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine. I am appreciative beyond words and am proud to call myself a Chickasaw. I hope to represent the nation well when I leave here and also hope to return the favor in some way down the road. Again, thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Rodger L. Claxton, DVM



Jackson graduates Golden Rule Preschool



Jackson Greenwood

Jackson Thomas Greenwood graduated May 14, 2004 along with 14 other students from Golden Rule Preschool. Graduation ceremonies took place at the Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle, Okla.

Introduction of the graduates and Our Favorite Things were read.

Jackson's favorite color is red. His favorite toy is his Scobby Doo house. He likes wearing his spiderman shirt and cleets and he enjoys eating jelly worms at a Mexican Restaurant. On vacation he will going to grandma's house in his Spiderman car. He wants to be a policeman when he grows up.

The graduation program included songs, Colors- Red, Yellow, Blue and Green; A Peanut Sat..., Sally the Camel, Have You Ever Gone Fishing?, and I'm an Acorn.

Jackson is the son of Lynn and Dewayne Greenwood and the brother of Livy Greenwood and Kyle Gray all of Blanchard, Okla.

He is the grandson of Geraldine Greenwood, Latta, Okla., the late Virgil Jackson Greenwood, Patricia Mills, Socorro, N.M., and Waylon Simson, Aurora, Colo.

Siblings consider medical careers



Tessa Manning

Tessa Leigh Manning of Kemp graduated May 8 from the University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences. She was honored for achieving an overall grade point average of 4.0 for her entire university career. Tessa is tutoring students at Murray State College in math until she starts at Southwest Medical in Dallas, Texas. That institution only accepts 10% of out-of-state students.

Tessa also maintained a 4.0 gpa at Boswell School, graduating as valedictorian. She graduated from OU with full scholarship from the Chickasaw Nation. Tessa is also Choctaw. Both tribes are very much appre-



Ty Burgess

ciated for providing assistance with Tessa's education.

Tessa's brother, Ty Burgess of Kemp, graduated high school from Plano, Texas, and is now attending UT, Dallas. He will be starting his second semester with a 3.8 gpa and plans to pursue either a business or medical degree. Ty currently lives with a mentor, Dr. Mary Magary, M.D., and her family.

Tessa and Ty are the children of Jody Burgess of Kemp and Cindy Walker of Boswell. Grandparents are Doug Burgess and Bobbie Burgess of Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Lee of Boswell.

Laurice Littlefield graduates eighth grade



Laurice Littlefield

Laurice (Sissy) Littlefield was promoted to the ninth grade at the Kingston (OK) graduation on May 20, 2004. She is Chickasaw and attends the Children's Village located at Kingston.

She is the daughter of Teeoti and Steve Littlefield, Tulsa. She is the granddaughter of Pat and Jimmy Cox, Latta, Okla., and Darrell and Elizabeth Buckner,

Roff, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Geraldine Greenwood, the late Virgil Greenwood and the late Grace and Addison Buckner, Altus, Okla.

Sissy has a brother, Shannon and a sister Gracy of Tulsa. Shannon also attends the Children's Village.

Toby Catron graduates Tishomingo Kindergarten



Toby Catron receives his certificate from Mr. Web

Toby Holden Catron is a 2004 kindergarten graduate of Tishomingo (OK) Elementary School. The graduation ceremony took place May 18, 2004 at Murray State College, Tishomingo.

A total of 80 kindergarten students from four classes filled the stage and entertained their parents and families with patriotic songs.

Principal, Mr. Web, and teachers of each class presented each

student with their certificate. Toby was a student in Ms. Rowe's class.

Toby is the son of Dianne and Dale Catron, Tishomingo. He is the grandson of Geraldine Greenwood, Latta, the late Virgil Greenwood, Phyllis Lattie, Carniville, Okla., and Frank Catron, Sr., Okay, Okla. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Eliza Russell.

Dunnigan and Smoot to exchange vows



Jamie Dunnigan and Jennifer Smoot

Jennifer Marie Smoot and James DeWayne Dunnigan, both of Ada, Okla., will exchange wedding vows July 10, 2004 at Union Valley Baptist Church, Union Valley, Okla., with Randall Christy officiating the 7 p.m. ceremony.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of James and Mary Smoot, Ada. She is the granddaughter of Helen Smoot, Ada, the late Tommy Smoot, Marie Rhyan, Coalgate, Okla., and the late Virgil Rhyan.

She is a 2001 graduate of Latta High School, Latta, Okla. She is currently employed at Ada Outpatient Clinic.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Steve and Karen Dunnigan, Ada. He is the grandson of Freda Pogue, Ada, the late Alton (Salty) Pogue, James Dun-

nigan, Ada and the late Paula Dunnigan.

He is a 2003 graduate of Latta High School and is currently employed at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing.

Gina Underwood receives nursing degree



Gina Underwood

Eugenia (Gina) Raeann Underwood, 22, graduated May 8, 2004 from East Central University, Ada, Okla. She received her bachelor of science degree in nursing.

She is currently employed at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada.

She is a Choctaw tribal member and is married to J.D. Underwood, Chickasaw. They have one son, Jalen.

Gina is the daughter of Kathy Maxey.

"Gina,

You have made us very proud and we love you. Congratulations from the Underwoods!"



Assembly honors late Chickasaw Veteran



Western Oaks Elementary students listen to Norman Lamb, Oklahoma's secretary for veterans affairs, at the first annual "Robert Landreth Day" assembly in Bethany.

BETHANY – Students from Western Oaks Elementary in Bethany and guests honored a late Chickasaw veteran, as well as other veterans, during an assembly May 21.

Dickson Governor's Honor Roll announced

Dickson (OK) School recently announced the students qualifying for the fourth nine weeks Governor's Honor Roll.

Students making all A's were: Austan Bean, Devyn Grimm, Aleah Tibbs, Jack Wilson, Brooklyn Hunter, Luke Davis, Jacob Lindsey, BaLee Johnson, Krissy Atnip, Pryce Holley, Autumn Thompson, Sarah Lindsey, Kendra Russell, Taj Lowe, Brent Oxford, Robert Phillips, Eythan Tibbs, Jacob Hollenbeck, Breanna Baker, Taylor Owen, Codie Bolin, Brittany McLaury, Jeremy Vinson, Alyssa Wheeler, Matt Malone, Joel McReynolds, Heather Bean, Tyler Holbrook, Tayler Johnson, Nataly Keeton, Shawna Kellogg, Lacie Lang, Chelsea Russell, Shannon Russell, Jamie Vinson, Amanda Wheeler and Jessica Willmond.

Students making A's and B's were: Conrad Gillespie, Brady

McReynolds, Austin Millsap, Harleigh Eades, Chad Gill, Shantara Rambo, Cortney Tucker, Katelyn O'Steen, Jessica Evans, Cameron McReynolds, Tiffany Sampson, Courtney Savala, Richard Barnard, Briar Burns, Jerrod Wilkins, Kaylee Davis, Susan Eubanks, Christian Gillespie, Paige Holley, Trent Lee, Brittany Anthony, Olivia Barnard, Chance Brown, Kelsey Conley, Miranda Gaither, Jessie Malone, Chance Pruitt, Jarod Ray, Jessica Coffey, Kati Flud, Johnny Sands and Rachel Wilkins.

Students making all A's received a \$25 Wal Mart Gift Card, a certificate and a t-shirt. Students making A's and B's received a \$10 Wal Mart Gift Card, a certificate and a t-shirt. The Honor Roll students also enjoyed a trip to watch the Oklahoma City Red Hawks baseball game on May 5.

The day also marked the first annual "Robert Landreth Day" at the school. Landreth, a Chickasaw citizen, was a World War II and Korean War veteran. He was a Marine service officer in Oklahoma for 48 years.

"Mr. Landreth was very proud of two things, proud to be Chickasaw and proud to be American," John Pettyjohn, a military service officer and emcee of the event, told the crowd.

Pettyjohn, who came up with the assembly idea, said Landreth "literally saved my life." When the two met Pettyjohn had been stabbed during a fight and Landreth helped him to safety. From then on they were friends.

"He taught me honor, gave me honor, saved my life and gave me something to do," Pettyjohn said.

"Today I am keeping my promise to Robert (Landreth) to do great things for veterans," Pettyjohn said at the assembly.

Norman Lamb, Oklahoma's secretary for veterans affairs, was the guest speaker at the event. He told the children they should be proud to live in the United States because of the luxuries they have: freedom, food, television and the ability to sleep without fear.

"Tonight when you go to bed, thank God in heaven for making you an American," Lamb said.

During the assembly, appreciation plaques were awarded

to those in the community that have performed outstanding services for veterans. Receiving the awards included: Christine Herbert, daughter of Landreth; Brent Rinehart, Oklahoma City council representative; Marianne Silber, Channel 5 reporter; Jeff Chandnoosh, a restaurant owner; and a plaque to thank Western Oaks Elementary.

Also present at the assembly was the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard, members from the Oklahoma Reserve Force and Albert Gray, an Apache/Cheyenne Native American, who played the flute.

Pettyjohn chose to have the assembly at Western Oaks Elementary because his son attends the school. He wanted to honor both Landreth and his son, he said.



Military Service Officer John Pettyjohn poses with Christine Herbert, daughter of the late Robert Landreth, a Chickasaw veteran. Pettyjohn clings to Landreth's jacket. During the "Robert Landreth Day" assembly, Pettyjohn said Landreth "literally saved my life."

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.



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Purcell Road Ribbon Cutting



PURCELL – Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, tribal legislators and several Chickasaw Nation employees recently cut the ribbon on the roadway around the perimeter of the tribal complex in Purcell. The Chickasaw Nation Roads Program installed nearly 19,000-square-yards of concrete paving and provided storm water detention areas. Lighting, signage and additional parking for the three facility complex has also been installed.

Chickasaw Children's Village Phase One Complete



Completion of the multipurpose building marks completion of the first phase of the Chickasaw Children's Village.

KINGSTON, Okla. — Completion of the 12,000 square foot multipurpose center, housing a recreation area, library, medical examination rooms, counseling rooms and administration offices, marks the completion of phase one of the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village.

Designed as a replacement for Carter Seminary in Ardmore, the new facility replaces the dormitory approach with individual cottages. Students at the Children's Village attend Kingston School, where many are also involved in a number of extracurricular activities.

Currently, there are five cottages, housing eight students and two house parents each.

"This new facility is based on the concept of providing a warmer, more nurturing envi-

ronment for our students - much closer to that of a family home," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We are always looking for ways to improve the services we provide for our youth, and we believe this new concept and new facility will allow us to do that."

House parents in this new arrangement have more opportunity to learn the needs and personalities of each student. Therefore, they are better able to provide the guidance, support and direction most appropriate for each individual, according to Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services Administrator Jay Keel.

"The ratio of workers in the old BIA model was about one worker to about 30 to 32 kids, Mr. Keel said. "The ratio at Children's Village will be closer

to one worker to four or five students, which will give staff members more time with each student. That provides a better opportunity to get to know each student as a unique individual."

Another advantage of the new facility is the rural setting on 160 acres overlooking Lake Texoma. That location will allow expansion of the livestock program started at Carter Seminary. While many students participated in the program at that facility, they were required to travel to another location to take care of the livestock.

The move from Carter Seminary in Ardmore to the Chickasaw Children's Village will entail several changes, but many of the ideas and programs that have been successful at Carter will continue and/or be expanded at the new facility.

Among the successes at Carter Seminary are the tutoring services and flexible academic curriculum designed to meet the needs of every child, including courses for the college bound, vocational, remedial, special education and "at-risk" students.

As is currently the situation, an individual needs assessment will be developed for each student and the entire staff will be

involved in addressing students' emotional, spiritual, social and physical needs.

Ongoing family contact and involvement in this therapeutic plan will continue to be strongly emphasized.

Other programs taking advantage of the rural location, such as gardening and hiking are under development.

Originally started in 1848 as Bloomfield Academy, south of Durant, Okla., Carter Seminary was moved to Ardmore in 1906

when the federal government assumed responsibility for all Indian schools.

In 1934, the academy was renamed in honor of Third District Congressman Charles D. Carter, who had done a great deal of work to help improve the program and facilities.

The Chickasaw Nation assumed authority for Carter Seminary in 1984.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Community Dinner

More than 200 citizens, employees and guests enjoyed a free meal and took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about tribal services and the progress of current projects at the June 24 community dinner in Sulphur.

Representatives from virtually every tribal division set up booths with information about the many services offered by the tribe.

From health care to housing, education, senior services, heritage preservation, youth and family services and more, citizens were able to speak one on one with employees who

explained the programs and answered any questions.

After the meal, Governor Bill Anoatubby gave a Powerpoint program outlining the progress the tribe is making in areas including health care and wellness, senior services, business and others.

Showing a slide of the recently opened Family Life Center in Ada and a conceptual drawing of the wellness center to be constructed in Ardmore, he pointed out that preventive health care is a high priority for the tribe.

See Community Dinner, page 19

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Top photo: Tom John explains the services offered at the newly opened diabetes center. At left, Chickasaw Cultural Center director speaks to a citizen about plans for the center.

Summer Youth Program leaves legacy of success

Approximately 650 area Native American youth from 14 to 21 are gaining valuable work experience in the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth program. Participants earn an average of more than \$200 per week for the eight week program, which also includes tutoring and job search training.

More than 160 participants work directly for the tribe, while approximately 485 participants work for other area employers in the tribe's 13 county area.

Johnna Walker, director of the Chickasaw Foundation and a former Summer Youth Worker, says the program is a "win-win situation."

Students function in a real world workplace where they are able to learn the skills and attitudes needed to succeed. Employers are able to evaluate the skills and attitudes of the workers and sometimes identify future full time employees.

Ms. Walker's performance as a Summer Youth worker at the Ada Area and in the laboratory at Carl Albert Indian hospital helped her land her first job with the tribe in 1988. She started as a part time employee in the governor's office and has progressed to her current leadership position, giving the program some of the credit for her success.

"A lot of the skills that I've put into practice and refined through the years I initially

learned while participating in the Summer Youth Program," said Ms. Walker. "I think it's a tremendous opportunity to meet wonderful people.

"There are other people who were in the Summer Youth program with me that I work with today. Many of them are in leadership positions. I just believe that is a wonderful foundation for our careers."

At one point in her career, Ms. Walker worked as a tutor in the program, and she often hires Summer Youth to work in her office.

"We try to make sure they have a good work experience, because if they have a good work experience that might be a job opportunity that they consider when they are starting to search for their career path," said Ms. Walker. "We also help share some of the skills we have learned, so they can carry those skills with them throughout their lives. And hopefully, we can serve as a mentor to them in a way if we make the whole experience work for them."

Kathy Pettus, of the Family Crisis Center in Ada, agrees that the program benefits everyone involved. Two Summer Youth work there at no cost to her program.

They do filing, copying and other office work as well as the manual labor of receiving and preparing donations for use in the community.

"They've both been doing a really good job," said Ms. Pettus. "I've been really pleased. I think it's a great program. It allows them to get some training and it helps us out too."

This is her first year to be involved with the Summer Youth, but she is enthusiastic about continuing her participation.

Tisha Cully is in her fourth year in the Summer Youth program. She currently works in the tribe's Community Garden program, says the program has taught her a great deal.

"I have come out of my shyness. I have better people skills," said Ms. Cully. "I have opened up a whole lot more."

"It's a good thing to do. The garden is a good place to work.

Pretty much any job you get working for the Chickasaw Nation you can improve yourself."

She has gained a wide variety of hands on experience from preparing beds and caring for the crops to selling the produce to wholesale and retail customers. She has also learned about other possible careers through the job shadowing component of the program.

Classes on workplace etiquette, writing resumes, and interviewing skills are also part of the program.

Despite all the hard work, Ms. Cully enjoys the program and has high praise for her supervisors, Ira Adams and Patty Daniels.

"I like having something to do, something to look forward to during the day," said Ms. Cully. They're great. They're fun to be around. They don't make you feel like you're a little kid. They treat you like an adult. They expect you to take responsibility."

Her brother is anxious to join the program.

"My brother is 13. He's waiting to go to work. He doesn't like staying at home either. I think he just wants to have some extra cash in his pocket," she added with a smile.

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The presentation included information about health system clinics currently under construction.

"We set a goal several years ago of making health care services available within 35 miles of every citizen in the Chickasaw Nation, and we are very close to reaching that goal," said Governor Anoatubby.

Other highlights included information about diversification of business interests and progress toward the making the dream of a Chickasaw Cultural Center into reality.

Housing administrator Wayne Scribner gave an overview of recent progress in the housing division. He pointed out that more than 283 homes have been

constructed and more than \$20 million in home loans have been awarded since 1998.

He also mentioned the storm shelter program which has already installed more than 400 free underground shelters, with plans to install several hundred more. Plans are also in the works to offer in-home safe rooms for those who are unable to use the underground shelters for health reasons.

Karen Cook, administrator for the division of aging also spoke about the many services available to seniors, including the senior sites, nutrition services, health clinics, lawn maintenance and many others.

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Sovereignty Symposium panelists discuss Five Nations Land Reform Act



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

OKLAHOMA CITY — Tribal leaders, judges and attorneys from across the country met to discuss issues related to tribal sovereignty during Sovereignty Symposium XVII hosted by the Oklahoma State Courts Network June 2-3 in Oklahoma City.

"The Sovereignty Symposium has been a wonderful place for us to lay issues on the table," said Governor Bill Anoatubby, who served on the panel dealing with the relationship between tribes and the oil and gas industry. "Many issues have been resolved as a result of the discussions and interactions at the Sovereignty Symposium."

Many of the issues raised in this particular panel were related to House Bill 2880, The Five Nations Land Reform Act.

While the primary purpose of the act was to make it easier

to probate tribal land, many of those in the oil and gas industry argued that it would have an adverse affect on their industry.

That led to a "very aggressive effort to keep the bill from passing on the Senate side," according to Governor Anoatubby.

Tribes had been working for years to enact the legislation, which had twice passed the House, but members of the oil and gas industry used their influence to put a last-minute hold on the legislation in the Senate.

Tribal leaders entered into discussions with oil and gas industry representatives, because the probate provisions of the bill are so important to prevent fractionation and loss of land.

"Cherokees now own one-third of one percent of their original holdings," said Cherokee Chief Chad Smith. "At statehood we had seven and one-half million acres."

"We now have around 60,000 acres of restricted land and maybe another 60,000 acres of trust land. The land tenure created problems."

One of the problems is probating tracts of land that do not have a lot of economic value. The process is expensive and time consuming. Therefore, many times when original

owners died, property was not probated, which caused several problems.

"You may have 20 or 30 heirs there. So the land laid unused and sometimes became subject to adverse possession," said Chief Smith. "So there was one effort to try to streamline, to make it easier to probate, to take it from the state system to the system that's used in the western part of the state and the rest of Indian Country. Which would be an administrative process with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. You wouldn't have to pay attorney fees and processing fees would be less expensive."

While tribal leaders worked with members of the industry to remove sections of the legislation affecting oil and gas leases, the oil and gas industry still opposed the bill.

"We thought that was the issue, but there were others that kind of fell out of that," said Governor Anoatubby. "One had to do with the environmental regulatory scheme."

That issue, however, has continued to be a point of contention between tribes and the oil and gas industry.

Some tribes, including the Chickasaw Nation have applied for recognition as a state by

the Environmental Protection Agency, which has members of the oil and gas industry up in arms. Their primary argument is that recognition as a state could cause a bureaucratic nightmare.

Governor Anoatubby refuted that argument with a reasoned assessment of the situation.

First, he pointed out that the sovereign authority of tribes gives them power to regulate environmental standards without recognition as a state.

"Some of the complaints that I've heard having to do with the Chickasaw Nation and other tribes applying for this recognition as a state is 'well, if all the tribes do this, then you could have as many as 39 different standards for the industry,'" said Governor Anoatubby. "Actually that could happen right now. Every single tribe in Oklahoma

can exercise its governmental authority, without recognition as a state by EPA and set the air quality and the water quality just the same as the state of Oklahoma even though we are not recognized as a state by EPA."

He went on to explain that one of the primary advantages of gaining recognition as a state by the EPA is the help they provide developing environmental standards. For that reason, tribal recognition as a state will actually help prevent a proliferation of inconsistent standards.

"The EPA is not going to let you have 39 different standards," said Governor Anoatubby. "They are going to work with each tribe to try to make the standards more uniform and more equitable within the area."

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On the Importance of James Adair to Chickasaw History

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

Chickasaw society in 1700 was still much like it had been when Hernando de Soto's expedition appeared in 1540. But if those Chickasaws could have traveled ahead in time to their Nation in 1800, it would have been a different story. They would have found many aspects of their descendants' lifestyle to be not only changed, but new and unrecognizable.

There are two indispensable primary sources of written information on the Chickasaws who lived in the tumultuous 18th century. Although neither was Chickasaw, (the language was only spoken, not written), both sources were English officials whose special skills and reasons for being among the Chickasaws resulted in accounts that are packed with information. One is English Captain Thomas Nairne who wrote a series of letters about the tribe during a week-long visit in 1708. Nairne's life and Chickasaw letters were featured in articles in the *Times* in March and April 2001.

The other is this article's subject, James Adair, an 18th century English trader. Adair not only traded with the tribe, he also lived with the Chickasaws on and off from 1744 to 1768, when he finished his 500 page magnum opus, *History of American Indians*.^{*} The book was published in 1775 in London and then distributed to the colonies—which, unhappily for Adair's book sales were verging on revolt. Although his history was by no means as broad-based as the title suggests, fortunately for us, most of Adair's memories and material dealt with the Chickasaws.

Why the Chickasaws? Adair traded and lived with several other tribes. Yet, it is clear from his writing that he knew and liked the Chickasaws best. He admired and respected them for their fierceness in battle, indomitability and the fact that he and they (for the most part) had been implacable foes of the French colonizers of Louisiana.

Many of his fellow traders also respected the Chickasaws and hated the French. What set Adair apart was his scholarship

and skill as a reporter and writer. Furthermore, he had a burning goal aside from making a lot of money: He was intent on trying to prove and disseminate his theory that American Indians had descended from the ancient Hebrews.

Almost the first half of his book is dedicated to proving his theory. He presented the evidence in 23 "arguments" spread over 200 pages. The book has two other major sections. One covered general observations about Southeastern Indian culture. While this section includes a wealth of cultural information, sometimes he links the information to a specific tribe and sometimes he doesn't. The last major section is broken into five segments, each titled for the tribes with which Adair traded, Cherokee, Catawba, Muskogee (Creek), Choctaw and Chickasaw. These segments are the most disappointing part of the book; instead of providing tribal specific information, they serve more as repositories for long-winded criticisms of European society and for settling scores with his old adversaries and enemies.

Adair's 23 arguments were based on numerous cultural similarities between the Hebrews and Southeastern tribes. He noted resemblances in customs and traditions regarding courtship and marriage, religious practices, the spirit world, daily sacrifice, punishments, war, purification and pollution, ornaments, sickness, death and mourning and more.

He presented so many examples that he seems to be attempting to bury preemptively any critics in a landslide of evidence. But it is all circumstantial, without a shred of real proof. At least a few of his contemporaries bought his thesis, most notably Elias Boudinot, the president of U.S. Continental Congress, but 20th century scholars have not come down on his side. His theory is so not true that some scholars foolishly tended to dismiss the entire book. To them, all Adair proved is that he was a zealot. Accordingly, he probably slanted or fabricated information to suit his purpose, thus making highly suspect at least the first half of his book. By

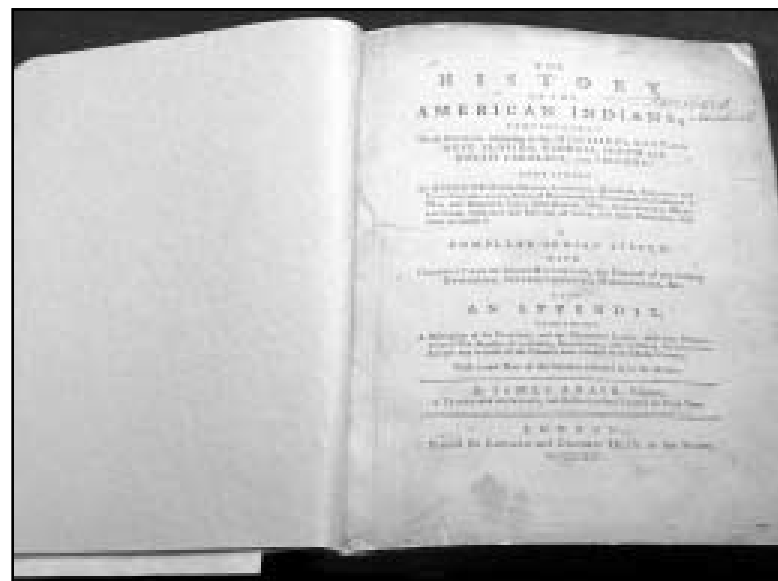
this logic, however, it would follow that everything written by a non-Indian would be groundless for being ethnocentric.

Nevertheless, Adair's passionate thesis may be the main reason why so few scholars have studied the man and his book seriously. That is not to say that plenty of scholars have not used passages from the book in their own research. But, only Charles Hudson (1977), Robert Weir (1978) and Samuel Cole Williams (1930) have had significant essays about Adair published. Writing in *The Dictionary of Literary Biography*, Weir supplied most of the smattering of existing biographical information. Noting that the year and place of Adair's birth were not known, Weir nonetheless passed along the undocumented guess of County Antrim, Ireland. Others have fixed 1709 as the most probable year of his birth and stated that he landed at Charles Town about 1735—despite the absence of his name from any ship's registry that docked in Charles Town on or around 1735. For that reason, some historians believe he was probably born in Carolina.

What is known is that Adair soon entered the Indian trade, initially with the Catawba and Cherokee. By the early 1740s, he met a band of Chickasaws, led by Squirrel King, which had emigrated around 1723 from their nation to the area near modern Augusta, Georgia. In her book *Native Land*, Mississippi historian Mary Ann Wells speculated that these eastern Chickasaws taught Adair their language and gave him entrée to their brethren living in the Chickasaw Nation.

Another reason Adair may have lived so many years among the Chickasaws is that he may have had a Chickasaw wife. In noting that Adair probably was living with the Chickasaws when he wrote his book, between 1761-68, Weir noted that Adair said that he wrote the book "by the side of a Chikkasah female, as great a princess as ever lived among the ancient Peruvians, or Mexicans."

As a faithful servant of the British crown, Adair proposed taking a delegation of Chickasaws to London to cement good



relations, but the idea was not approved, perhaps because their relationship was taken for granted by Adair's superiors.

Perhaps Adair should have offered to escort Choctaws to London as an incentive for them to leave the French alliance. As it was, by 1746, Adair was seeking to win the Choctaw away from the French by offering them English trade goods that were higher quality, less expensive and available more often than anything offered by the French.

Through gifts, trade and intrigue with the Choctaw chief Red Shoes, Adair may have played some role in aggravating the rift between Choctaw factions (pro-English, pro-French) that led to the Choctaw civil war in the late 1740s. Adair thought he was doing his best for Britain and for himself, business-wise. Adair thought Carolina Governor James Glen had given him the exclusive trading rights with the Choctaw. To his chagrin, Adair found that Glen himself, through a trade intermediary, probably was benefiting while Adair was being shut out. The trader objected strenuously, but to no avail and said he wound up bankrupt. Years later, Adair denounced Glen at length in his book, then dismissed the governor as "a very polished courtier."

It is not surprising that Charles Hudson, the author of the exhaustive and excellent 1975 book, *The Southeastern Indians*, would also write the most thoughtful and thought-provok-

ing article on James Adair. As a source for his book, Hudson owed Adair a lot, acknowledging him to be the author of "much that we know about the culture and society of the Southeastern Indians in the 18th century. The 15-page article, titled "James Adair as Anthropologist," ran in the prestigious journal *Ethnohistory* in 1977. Maybe Hudson's scholarship and clear, lucid prose intimidated others who did not wish to run the risk of being compared unfavorably.

Up until Hudson's article, many scholars tended to dismiss Adair for hatching and spending so much time and effort on the Indians-from-Hebrews theory. While Hudson also dismissed the theory, he argued that the theory "was more an asset than a liability, in helping him understand the Indians." To gather evidence to support his theory, Adair had to ask questions, observe and take notes. He even participated when he could get permission. The fact that he was excluded from some ceremonies and rituals is one main reason why so much that we would like to know is absent from the text.

Rather than grumble, however, scholars should be grateful that they have an account, written by such a highly educated and talented man, reflecting so much about the lives of Southeastern Indians. While giving Adair his due, Hudson wrote that the book has many weaknesses as well as strengths. The customs

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Chickasaw Nation CHR Program Involved in National Emergency Medical Services for Children Work Group

Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative Pamela Aguilar has been chosen to represent the tribe's CHR program and CHRs nationwide in a group formed to help reduce the rate of death and disabilities among Native American and Alaska Native children due to severe illness and injury.

Cathy Stueckemann, federal Indian Health Service representative, and Oklahoma City area IHS representative Dione Harjo, recommended the Chickasaw Nation participate in the group following a presentation by Ms. Aguilar at an April CHR area meeting in Phoenix.

"(The) Chickasaw Nation CHR Program was selected because of their significant work done in the injury prevention arena through their own program and the collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation injury

Prevention Program," wrote Ms. Harjo in a letter requesting Chickasaw Nation participation in the workgroup.

Ms. Aguilar joins representatives of several tribes as well as IHS personnel as part of the Indian Health Services Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) workgroup, whose goal is reducing the epidemic of injuries to Native American children.

Native American children have the highest unintentional injury rates in the nation, with rates 1.5 to 8 times greater than the national rates depending on region, cause and age.

"Ranking higher than all other populations in injuries is unacceptable," said Ms. Aguilar. "It is time to do something about this epidemic. It is everyone's responsibility to protect our most precious resource, our

children."

One of Ms. Aguilar's first duties as a member of the workgroup was to present an overview of the Chickasaw Nation CHR program at a meeting of EMSC stakeholders in Washington, D.C.

She sat on a panel entitled "Bridging the Gaps" during the conference with the overarching theme "Barriers, Challenges and Opportunities."

Using a PowerPoint presentation, she pointed out that CHRs provide a variety of services including home health care services, scheduling and providing transportation to medical appointments, delivering prescription medicines and translating label instructions when necessary.

The CHR program also collaborates with the injury prevention department to provide

community education and injury prevention services, including home safety inspections, rabies clinics, bike safety rodeos, child safety seat classes, gun safety classes and a variety of others.

While national statistics point to a severe epidemic of injury and death among Native children, Native American children in Oklahoma fare much better than those in other parts of the U.S.

Many explanations for this disparity were discussed at the meeting, with many of those in attendance remarking that programs such as the Chickasaw Nation may help explain

the lower rates of injury in the state.

Ms. Harjo commended Ms. Aguilar, saying those in attendance were "thoroughly impressed" with her presentation at the Chickasaw Nation CHR program.

"I know that the work Pamela did and shared was not a solo act and that the entire Chickasaw Nation CHR Program should be commended for the success of this remarkable program," said

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Chickasaw Nation, Ada Lion's Club Offering Free Health Screenings

ADA, Okla. — A variety of health screenings will be offered August 11 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 520 East Arlington through a cooperative effort of the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHRs) and the Ada Lions Club.

Screenings for diabetes, glaucoma, hearing, visual acuity, bone density and high blood pressure are free and open to the public. They will be conducted in the Oklahoma Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit.

Diabetes and glaucoma are two of the leading causes of blindness and often go undetected until damage is irreversible.

Undetected hearing loss, high blood pressure and osteoporosis can also cause serious problems.

While these screenings are not intended to diagnose a condition, if an irregularity is detected participants will be referred to their health care provider for further evaluation.

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Chickasaw Nation CHRs have teamed up with the Ada Lions Club in this effort to help educate and inform the population and to help area residents avoid potential health risks.

Health education is an important part of the work of the CHR program, which is one of the first programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation.

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Vision and hearing are two project areas of Lions Clubs all over the world, following a

challenge issued to them at a national meeting in 1925 by Hellen Keller to become "knights of the blind." Ms. Keller, famous author and speaker, became blind and deaf early in life.

Since its debut in 1998, the \$200,000 Oklahoma Lions MHSU has visited numerous locations throughout Oklahoma. The screening unit is a joint project of the more than 230 Oklahoma Lions Clubs and BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma, which has made generous financial contributions to its annual operation. The MHSU is owned by the nonprofit Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, and was purchased/equipped by donations and grants from the Lions Clubs International Foundation, many Oklahoma Lions Clubs, companies and individuals.

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Community Health Representatives and Emergency Medical Services personnel from across the U.S. met recently in Washington, D.C. to discuss ways to help prevent accidental injury and death among Native American children. From left, Cathy Stueckemann, IHS director of CHR/EMS, Betty Hastings, Federal EMSC Program Coordinator, Dan Kavanaugh, EMSC Director, Dione Harjo, OKC area IHS consultant, Pamela Aguilar, Chickasaw Nation CHR, James Flaherty, Navajo EMS Medical Director and Rear Admiral Gary J. Hartz, Acting Director, Office of Public Health, IHS.

Injuries Epidemic Among Native Children and Youth

* Injury, on average, takes the life of one Native child daily.

* Injury kills more Native children than all other causes combined.

* Native American have the highest unintentional injury rates of any population.

* Injuries account for 75 percent of all deaths among American Indian and Alaskan Native youth.

* Native death rate in motor vehicle crashes is 2 times greater than in the white or black population.



The fight against diabetes

Chickasaw Nation hosts annual Diabetes Family Leadership Camp



After filling their lunch plates at the Diabetes Camp, Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center Dietitian Ron McIntosh has each person count the number of carbohydrates on their plate. Each dish at the camp is labeled with the number of carbs per serving. This makes it easy to understand what items one could eat and what items one should avoid.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Eating better, becoming more active and improving self-management skills were areas of focus at the annual Diabetes Family Leadership Camp June 15 through 18

in Sulphur.

Thirty-six Native American people attended the camp to become better educated about diabetes and how to deal with the disease. Some individuals in the "at risk" diabetic category

also attended the camp to learn how to keep from developing the disease.

Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator Bill Lance commended the group for taking a few days out of their schedule to learn more about diabetes.

"The Chickasaw Nation is on the forefront of diabetic care," Lance said. "We really do have a world-class staff. Take advantage of these individuals. Their hearts are in the right place and they know what they're talking about."

One area of instruction at the camp was nutrition. Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center dietitian Ron McIntosh said most women should eat about 45 to 50 grams of carbohydrates at each meal, while most men should eat about 60 to 65 grams per meal.

Blood sugar is of high concern for diabetics. Carbohydrates are changed to sugar in the body, therefore, foods that are high in carbs can make blood sugar rise. While at the Diabetes Camp, individuals recorded their blood

sugar levels four to five times daily.

"Understanding diabetes and knowing how to make lifestyle changes are key factors when learning how to deal with this disease," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "I'm very pleased that individuals are taking initiative to improve their health by learning how to overcome the daily battles of diabetes."

Among other things, campers learned about exercising and the consequences of having diabetes.

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Doug Busha, PA-C, clinician for the Diabetes Care Center, reviews the blood sugar levels of Claude Miller, of Ada, at the Diabetes Camp in Sulphur.

Diabetes and Native Americans

According to the American Diabetes Association, over 18 million people in the United States have diabetes. More than 107,000 Native Americans and Alaska Natives, or 14.5 percent of the population, receiving care from Indian Health Services have diabetes. It's a stunning, but accurate fact.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy.

On average, Native Americans are over two times more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes as non-Hispanic whites of similar age.

People with diabetes are twice as likely to suffer from heart disease or stroke as non-diabetics. Other complications include blindness, kidney disease and amputations.

Identifying the disease early decreases the chance of developing complications from diabetes. Warning signs can include excessive thirst, frequent urination, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, fatigue, irritability and blurred vision.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center call (580) 421-4532 or (800) 851-9136.

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Summer heat could spell disaster

Heatstroke deaths of children in parked vehicles rose by nearly 70 percent from 202-2003.

We've all seen stories about these incidents on the news. It's something you don't think would ever happen to someone close to you, but it could.

As temperatures rise, General Motors (GM) and the National SAFE KIDS Campaign are urging people to be vigilant about preventing heatstroke fatalities among children who are left or forgotten in, or who gain access to a hot, unattended parked vehicle.

According to GM research, across the country there were almost 70 percent more of such fatalities reported in 2003 than in 2002. Since 1996, researchers have identified a total of 228 fatalities based upon media reports. However, the actual number could be higher.

Studies have revealed that a child left in a hot, closed vehicle can face injury or death in just minutes. When substituting in humid heat, injury or death could occur in half the time.

Research and real-world incidents have demonstrated that on a warm day, with temperatures as mild as 60 degrees, a closed vehicle can be lethal. In Oregon this past March a death occurred on a day when the high temperature was less than 70 degrees.

A child's body temperature increases three to five times faster than an adult's and children are not able to dissipate heat as efficiently as adults, so every minute counts when a child is trapped in a hot vehicle.

To help prevent more fatalities, GM and SAFE KIDS offer these tips:

- Never leave a child unattended in a motor vehicle, even with a window slightly open.

- If you see a small child who is unattended in a motor vehicle and in need of help, contact emergency services.

- Always lock your vehicle – especially at home – and keep keys out of children's reach.

- Make sure all children leave the vehicle upon arrival at a destination. Be especially careful if transporting children on a specific day or time that is not part of your normal routine. In the case of infants that may be sleeping, get into the habit of placing your purse or briefcase on the floor of the rear seat where the child is seated to make sure you have to go into the rear seat before leaving the vehicle.

- Teach children not to play in, on or around vehicles.

In our fast-paced society

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Adair needed to know best to survive, warfare and blood revenge, were described very well, he noted. Adair's descriptions of public rituals were also good, as were his descriptions of material culture. But private rituals leave much to be desired, Hudson concluded, as does his understanding of the kinship system.

The third Adair essayist, Samuel Cole Williams, was also the editor of the first edition of Adair's book since its original publication date in 1775. It was published in 1930 by the Watauga Press of Johnson City, Tennessee. (The Chickasaw Library has a copy of this edition.) Williams, who had researched the English colonial documents of South Carolina and Georgia annotated some of the text that would be unfamiliar or unknown to all but the most experienced

readers. In another user-friendly move, he arranged to have the manuscript printed in a modern style without changing content.

In his essay, Williams writes at length about Adair's intrigue with the Choctaws and his case against Gov. Glen. Despite the shabby treatment of Adair by Glen and the English colonial government, Williams noted that Adair had thrown himself whole-heartedly into Carolina's campaign against the Cherokees in the late 1750s. At one point, Adair led a group of the eastern Chickasaws against the Cherokees. Later, Adair risked his life to get supplies to the beleaguered Chickasaws, isolated by the French and their Indian allies. Williams also wrote that the South Carolina records show that Adair aided the authorities to "prevent the Chickasaws from being debauched by rum and to hold unprincipled traders in

leash."

After the Williams' edition, the next issue of Adair's book was printed in 1968, undoubtedly to satisfy purists—as Adair's text was restored as it was printed in 1775. This fall, however, the University of Alabama Press will print a new edition. Through the research of its editor, Auburn University historian Kathryn Holland Braund, the new edition will include even more extensive annotations than the Williams' edition. Annotations will include people and places as well as cultural issues and events. Braund said she has written an introduction for the new edition that provides new information and perspectives on

Adair, including an assessment of Adair's work as a historical source.

*A first edition of Adair's book was donated to the Chickasaw Nation by Steve Cook of

Tupelo, MS.

Next month: An assessment of James Adair's book on illuminating Chickasaw history.

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Chickasaw Nation WIC Program Seeks Comments

The Chickasaw Nation is soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Input is needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2005 fiscal year. These comments must be received by August 1, 2004.

WIC is a federally-funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who are determined to be at nutritional risk and whose income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently serves

approximately 3200 women, infants and children throughout the 13-county area.

Comments regarding the WIC program may be mailed to Melinda Newport, RD/LD, Nutrition Services Director, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820, or phone (580) 436-7255 or toll free (888) 436-7255.

For more information about receiving WIC program services, call (580) 436-7255 or Debi Tipton at (580) 310-6420. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Chickasaw Senior Citizens Gift Shop

Southwest jewelry, ceramics, Chickasaw t-shirts, caps, shawls, keychains, dreamcatchers, car tags and other gift items

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Chickasaw Nation Participates in Initiative to Help Predatory Lending Victims

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing counseling and loan services director Kay Perry recently announced that the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing is participating in a program that will help Oklahoma residents get out of a bad home loan situation and refinance at much more affordable rates.

The tribe is joining other local housing leaders and representatives from Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, First Mortgage Company, LLC, and Fannie Mae in a \$2 million anti-predatory lending refinance initiative to help victims of predatory lending obtain responsible mortgage loans.

"This initiative is a very positive step in helping those who have fallen victim to predatory lending practices," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Homeownership is a high priority for the Chickasaw Nation and we will continue doing our best to provide the information and services to enable

our citizens to obtain competitive home loans and avoid this situation altogether."

In an effort to help predatory lending victims, a \$2 million anti-predatory lending refinance initiative has been created for Oklahoma borrowers who have been subjected to abusive mortgage lending practices which can include loans that carry extraordinarily high interest rates, excessive points or fees, single-premium credit life insurance, or prepayment penalties on loans that provide no economic benefit to the borrower.

The initiative will allow eligible borrowers that hold abusive loans to refinance into affordable, lower interest rate loans, enabling them to stay in their homes. Due to the excessive fees and rates that typically make a predatory loan unaffordable, many borrowers have credit profiles that prevent them from obtaining conventional market-rate financing and a more affordable loan.

Through this initiative, First Mortgage Company will provide the financing for eligible borrowers. If a borrower's credit has been negatively affected due to the abusive loan, the homeowner may qualify for a new market-rate mortgage based on their credit rating prior to the abusive loan. For this initiative, Fannie Mae expanded its underwriting guidelines and will purchase up to \$2 million in eligible loans. The initiative allows the new refinanced loan amount to include funds for payment of property-related expenses, such as property repairs and delinquent property taxes and assessments.

"Predatory lending practices come in all forms, including loan flipping and loans with mortgage payments that exceed a homeowner's fixed monthly income," said Ron McCord, chairman, First Mortgage Company, LLC. "What they have in common are exorbitant fees, outrageous interest rates, and

up front costs that take money from those who can least afford the terms."

To participate in this initiative, a borrower who thinks she has been the victim of predatory lending must first contact one of the participating nonprofit housing agencies or be referred to an agency by the Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma. The agencies will interview the client and determine if that individual or family meets the threshold requirements of the initiative.

Legal Aid will review a client's file for any violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), the Federal Truth in Lending Act (TILA), or the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act. For those needing legal advice or assistance, Legal Aid may provide representation.

"We are pleased that we can offer our services to truly make a difference in the lives of families who have been victims of some very unfortunate lending practices," said Gary A. Talyor, executive director, Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma. "We're proud to be in partnerships with First Mortgage and Fannie Mae to help the citizens of Oklahoma."

Predatory lending has been an

issue in Oklahoma for at least the past four years," said Rex Smitherman, director of Fannie Mae's Oklahoma Partnership Office. "These practices tend to be concentrated in low-income communities of the inner cities, among the elderly, Native Americans, rural communities, and those with less knowledge and understanding of mortgage finance. We feel that it's not only important to help people attain home ownership, but also to help them keep their homes."

Fannie Mae's involvement in the anti-predatory lending refinance initiative is part of the company's American Dream Commitment to expand access to homeownership for millions of first-time home buyers; help raise the minority homeownership rate to at least 55 percent; make homeownership and rental housing a success for millions of families at risk of losing their homes; and expand the supply of affordable housing where it is needed most.

Oklahomans who believe they may be victims of predatory lending should contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing (580) 421-8856.

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing

For You.....

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing offers you a full range of home loan products in addition to the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program.

Did you know that on virtually every kind of loan the seller can pay part of your closing cost? Has anyone taken the time to sit down with you and explain the process from start to finish or exactly what your closing costs actually are? Would you like personal, one on one attention to every detail?

Did you know that the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing is your ONLY source for the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan? HOWEVER, if you are Native American, and live in the Chickasaw Nation service area, we also have a loan product for you!

Chuka Chukmasi

For Chickasaws ANYWHERE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES! Down payment and closing cost assistance is available. Homebuyer education is required!

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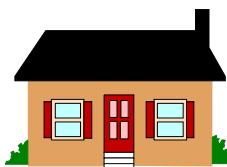
Available to any Tribe living in the Chickasaw Nation service area. This is a Native American loan and allows part of the closing costs to be financed into the loan. Borrowers need 2-3% of the purchase price of their own funds. These may be gifted funds or even a grant from their own tribe. No second mortgages are allowed on this loan. Homebuyer education is required!

MyCommunityMortgage

This is community homebuyer loan. While there are income guidelines in certain areas, there are no income guidelines in underserved, low and moderate income or minority census tracts and central cities. Borrower investment can be as little as \$500 and community seconds are allowable as a source of funds for closing costs. Homebuyer education is required.

VA Loans

If you are a Native American Veteran and have never used your VA eligibility to purchase a home, you may do so through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. VA Loans offer the veteran 100% financing.



Players get a kick out of CN Football Camp!



A participant in the Chickasaw Nation football camp gets his foot into one during the punt, pass and kick competition.

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest May 2004 winners

Two homes from each legislative district were chosen to receive the Legislative Award. The Legislative Award entitles the homeowner to a certificate

and a free month's rent.

The Lt. Governor's Award is then selected from the Legislative Award winners. The Lt.

Governor's Award is a \$50 gift certificate to Wal Mart. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for

May 2003 is Courtney Cook.

This contest will run through August and all current par-

ticipants in our Homeowners Program are eligible to enter by calling (580) 421-8855.



Jessee McGee - Pickens District



Wendell Tucker - Pickens District



Kathy Eagle - Tishomingo/Panola District



Billy Duckworth - Tishomingo/Panola District



Courtney Cook - Pontotoc District



Janelle Folk - Pontotoc District

MSC Graphic Arts Program

Murray State College, in Tishomingo, Okla., is now offering a new Fast Track Graphic Arts course for fall 2004.

Graphic Arts will provide the latest design tools and hands-on instruction in the areas of print design, digital illustration, photo manipulation, web design, and web animation. Fast Track Graphic Arts is designed to provide in-depth instruction in this field within a 48-week timeframe.

Students meeting the requirements of the course will earn a degree for A.A.S. in Graphic Arts upon completion.

For more information, contact the MSC Graphic Arts Chair at (580) 371-2371, #241 or the MSC Outreach Office at #106.

Chickasaw Nation Football Camp draws a crowd



Former Oklahoma Sooners running back Quentin Griffith, now with the Denver Broncos, answers questions during the Chickasaw Nation football camp June 24-25.

7th Annual Chi Ka Sha Reunion June 24 - 27, 2004



In memory of Eric Tisdell "Ten"

It's been a long ten years,
with a lot of fears and tears.
I ask myself why?
Why you have to die?
Why I have to cry?
Why couldn't you of got to say good-bye?
They tell me you were nice, they tell me you were funny.
They say you were always waning to make big money.
They say you were cool and fun to be around.
But I don't know any of that,
because all my memories of you
were with you in the ground.
So I wonder if you look down on me
and have a frown.
All of these years you been gone,
it feels like a century.
I can't wait to see you again
and finally I can have some memories

*Written by Niki Walker (younger brother of Eric) May 21,
2004*

If Tomorrow Starts Without Me...

If tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me:
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and bad,
The thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday,
Just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you

And maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things,
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne, He said, "This
is eternity,
And all I've promised you."
Today your life on earth is past,
But here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times
You did some things
You knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand
And share my life with me?
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.

In memory of Cora Evelyn Moody from her loving family and friends.

Beulah Mae Smith McGalliard



Services for Beulah Mae Smith McGalliard, 89, Ada, were June 5, 2004 at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada. Burial followed at Rosedale Cemetery, Ada.

Mrs. McGalliard died June 3, 2004 at a local hospital. She was born Sept. 5, 1914, at Fitzhugh, Okla., to John and Julia Kennedy Thomas. She had lived in the Ada area all of her life.

She and Glenn S. Smith were married in 1933. He died in 1970. She later married Odus McGalliard Feb. 10, 1973. He died June 23, 1991.

Mrs. McGalliard was active with the Chickasaw Senior Citizens Center and received several awards for her volunteer work. She was a member of the "Chickasaw Cats," the Good Sam's Club and Ada Hobos Club.

She was preceded in death by a step-daughter, Kay McGalliard Tucker; two sisters, Jewell Fields and Johnnie Cox; and a sister-in-law, Billie Smith.

Survivors include two sons, Glenn T. Smith and wife Martha, Albuquerque, N.M., and Eddie Smith and wife Debbie, Choctaw, Okla.; a daughter, Anna Lee Langenberg and husband Robert, Montgomery, Ala.; two stepchildren, Don McGalliard and wife Elouise, Madisonville, Texas, and Jackie Henry, Sulphur, Okla.; a stepson-in-law, Delbert Tucker, Ada; three sisters, Mary Jo Green and husband J. L., Ada, Edna Hernandez, Oxnard, Calif., and Betty Lionberger, Camarillo, Calif.; a brother, Jonce Thomas and wife Donna, Livermore, Calif.; two brothers-in-law, Ted Smith, Ada, and Ray Fields, Oxnard, Calif.; two sisters-in-law, Jeanette Mitchell, El Reno, Okla., and Cherry Lucas, Athens,

Ohio; five grandchildren, Stephen Wasilewski and husband Alan, Ansonia, Conn., Quinn Smith and wife Meredith, Albuquerque, Eric Smith and wife Heather, Lawton, Okla., Elizabeth Dickerson and husband Brandon, Edmond, Okla., and Zachary Smith, Choctaw; three great-grandchildren, Quinn C. Smith, Albuquerque, Julia Smith and Austyn Smith, both of Lawton; nieces, Melissa Wilkerson and husband, Richard, Roff, Okla., and Mary Lane Craiger, Yukon, Okla.; nephews, Jesse Green, Mack Smith and wife Joyce, all of Ada, and Jeff Smith and wife Jill, Warrensburg, Mo.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Bearers were Jesse Green, Zachary Smith, Quinn Smith, Eric Smith, Mack Smith, Jeff Smith and Brandon Dickerson.

Honorary bearers were Delbert Tucker, Don McGalliard, James Hill, Ray Fields, J. L. Green, Ted Smith, Morgan Wells, Richard Wilkerson, Clark Cogburn, and Johnny "Buck" Owens.

The family says those who wish may make memorials to the Chickasaw Senior Citizens Center, 1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK 74820.

Cora Evelyn Cisco Moody



Cora Evelyn Cisco Moody, 68, Reagan, Okla., died May 10, 2004. She was born October 8, 1935 in Milburn, Okla., to Albert Cisco and Willie Juanita Brown.

She met her husband Bill and fell in love at first sight at the roller rink at the park in Reagan, Okla. They were married on September 26, 1953. They lived in Texas most of their lives, eventually moving back to

the family homesite in Reagan, August 1997.

She was baptized at the age of 12. She enjoyed attending church, country life and being with her family. She loved everyone and everyone loved her. She will be greatly missed.

She and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 26, 2003.

She was half Chickasaw and very proud of her heritage. Her family remembers her as a strong woman with a courageous fighting spirit. She had a strong faith in God.

She was preceded in death by her parents; children, Eva Lou Moody and Cindy Jane Moody; her sister, Judy Cisco Scholder.

She is survived by her husband, Billy Henry Moody; her children, Neva Gayle Breach, Garland, Texas, Billie Faye McGregor, Sherman, Texas, Steven Douglas Moody, Trenton, Texas and Beverly Diane De Fir, Bells, Texas; seven grandchildren, Carmen Michelle Breach, Shannon Daneen Breach, Scott Daniel McGregor, Brigitte Diane Evindy McGregor, Ceason Ashley Treybig Riley, Brock Garrett Treybig and Colton Benjamin Moody Defir; three great-grandchildren, Laticia "Tulip" Danyle Breach, Evelyn Zoe-Raven Riley, and Mia Ashton Riley; her sisters, Allene Parker, Wylie Texas, Marlene Hoffard, Wylie, Mary "Kitty" Ruyle, Garland; her brother, Tommy Cisco, Missouri.

Funeral services were May 13, 2004 with the Reverends, Bill Booher, Kenneth Lewis, Charles Morris and Virgil Conwell officiating. She was laid to rest at the family cemetery in Reagan.

Jeremy Pate

Services for Jeremy Pate, 25 Durant, Okla., were June 5, 2004 with the Rev. Jared McIntire officiating.

Mr. Pate died June 3, at his residence. He was born Oct. 24, 1978 to Charles David and Anita (McCarrell) Pate in Denison, Texas.

He was a special child who brought joy with a smile and had enthusiasm for life, especially police, fire trucks and trains. His smile will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and

Doris Pate and Bessie Jones.

He is survived by his parents; brother Chad Pate, Norman, Okla.; grandfather Ardie McCarrell, Broken Bow, Okla.; stepfather Paul Lovan; and stepmother Susan Pate.

Burial took place at the Stonewall Cemetery, Stonewall, Okla..

Memorials may be made to Special Olympics: P.O. Box 83, Durant, OK 74702.

Condolences may be sent to the family at dhfh@communi-comm.com

Winifred Dessie Love Jones



Winifred Dessie Love Jones, 84, of Lubbock, formerly of Duncan, Okla., died Jan. 24, 2004, in Lubbock.

Funeral services were Jan. 26, 2004 at First Baptist Church Chapel in Duncan with the Rev. Kenneth Staton officiating. Burial was at the Duncan Cemetery under the direction of Carter-Smart Funeral Home in Duncan.

She was born Oct. 29, 1919, in Colbert, Okla., to Joseph H. and Callie Faught Love. Her father, Joseph H. Love was an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation. She was 1/16th Chickasaw as well as being part Cherokee, though the Cherokee bloodline

was not declared prior to 1907. She was very proud of her Native American heritage.

She married Paul Roland Jones on June 1, 1941, in Comanche, Okla. He preceded her in death on June 12, 1991. During World War II, Winifred worked in a munitions plant in Oklahoma City while her husband was in the United Kingdom in Northern Ireland and England. They traveled the U.S. to various air force bases, then went to Clark Field Air Force Base in the Philippines and to Phalsbourg Air Force Base in France, before Mr. Jones' retirement. After retiring from the military they settled in Amarillo before moving to Lubbock in 1971. Mrs. Jones was a member of Highland Baptist Church, 3R Senior Citizen Club of Lubbock, Cowan Home Extension Club, and Slaton Home Extension Club.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Joseph H. and Callie Love on July 25, 1986 in Duncan, Okla.

Survivors include a son, Byron Jones of Wichita Falls; a brother, Autrey Love of Mansfield, Texas; two brothers-in-law, Melvin Jones of Kingman, Ariz., and Ward Jones of Fairfield, Calif.; two nephews, Ken Love of Spring, Texas, and Mike Love of Mansfield; a grandnephew, Jason Love of Spring; and a grandniece, Corina Love of Boston, Mass.

Pall bearers were John Chandler and Mark Jaskulske. Honorary bearers were Albert C. Smith, Ken Love, Mike Love, Melvin Jones, Ward Jones, N.T. Conner, Gene Mahorney, Ralph Peterson, Leon Carter, Michael Jones and Frank Shone II.

Memorial contributions may be made to a local Meals on Wheels program or the National Heart and Stroke Association.

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